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LOCAL GAOL SENSATION.

"SUNNING" PIRATES' BID FOR LIBERTY.

WARDERS OVERPOWERED AND SHOT.

ESCAPE PLOT FAILS.

A most sensational and desperate bid for liberty was made just after midnight last night by four of the condemned Sunning pirates, who are awaiting their execution day in Victoria Gaol.

The story is briefly told below in an official statement made by Mr. J. W. Franks, the Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, and, although there are details lacking, it is clear that the four men, who occupied one cell, made a sudden attack on two warders who went in to take them a drink of water, overpowered the officers and then took their two revolvers, using these weapons on other officers who rushed up on hearing the commotion.

Three officers were wounded—two Europeans and one Indian—and they are now in the Government Civil Hospital. The pirates, who, seeing that their attempt at escape was bound to fail, went back into their cell, were not wounded by shots, but one of them was knocked out by a blow on the head.

Much excitement and alarm were caused by the sounding of the big alarm bell in the compound of the Police Headquarters and large numbers of police and warders, with weapons, assembled to render any service required.

Six of the men who took part in attempting to escape saw these iron gates and also the numbers of other officers who were running up, they realised that all hope of escape was gone and that they were back into the cell to avoid being shot at.

The Official Version.

Mr. J. W. Franks, made the following statement of the affair this morning when seen by a Telegraph representative:

"At about 1.15 this morning the Principal Warder who was in charge of the prison at the time had occasion to open the cell where four out of the six condemned Sunning pirates were confined.

"During the night, these four prisoners had somehow managed to loosen themselves from the handcuffs and light chains with which they were secured in accordance with general gaol practice.

"When the Principal Warder, who was accompanied by another warder as assistant, entered the cell, they were both pounced upon by the four men—two prisoners to each warder. A struggle ensued, the two officers being overpowered and relieved of their revolvers.

"The noise of the affair attracted the attention of other officers who immediately hurried to the scene, and the prisoners used the two stolen revolvers, firing at the officers.

"What happened immediately after that is still to form the subject of investigation. It is known, however, that three officers were shot. Two European officers were shot in the leg—one in the buttock and one in the thigh. An Indian officer was shot in the ankle. None of the officers were seriously wounded.

"The alarm had been sounded, and when I arrived on the scene I found that the prisoners were back in their cell, into which they had apparently gone of their own accord when they discovered that their attempt to escape was not likely to be successful."

In Explanation.

Mr. Franks was asked regarding the location of the cell, and he explained that the cell gave on to a corridor, at each end of which there was a locked iron gate. He thought that when the prisoners

Prisoners Not Wounded.

Asked if any of the prisoners were wounded, Mr. Franks said that they were not, but that one of them was knocked out by a blow on the head, presumably in the struggle with the warders upon whom they sprang the surprise attack.

The place where the condemned men were kept was in the main part of the prison.

Mr. Franks indicated that he could not, at this juncture, give further details as an enquiry was still being made.

Great Alarm.

The incident gave rise to a great deal of alarm, the big police alarm bell continuing to ring for a long while. Every police officer and warder within sound of it turned out and there was in a short while a large muster of armed men in and around the compound of the Central Station.

One of the Wounded.

It is stated that one of the wounded officers is Principal Warder D. Daniels.

From the Civil Service List we find that Principal Warder Daniel Daniels, who is 49 years of age, has been with the Prison Department since 1919.

The second European warder who was injured is said to be Warder White.

FORMER BREAKAWAY

Tragic Affair Seven Years Ago.

This morning's incident recalls a much more serious affair which occurred in 1919, when four Chinese prisoners broke from Victoria Gaol and managed to escape after Warder J. L. Speed had been murdered and two Indian warders seriously wounded, one later succumbing.

It was in the early hours of December 15th, 1919, that a Chinese prisoner under a ten-year sentence for burglary managed to break the lock of his cell and get out.

THE RACES.

ELLIOT BAY WINS DERBY.

ONLY THREE STARTERS.

For the second day of the annual Race Meeting (Derby Day), the weather was rather better than that of yesterday, although still somewhat cold and raw. Main interest, of course, centred on the big race (the third on the card), and there was a big attendance of spectators at the Valley to witness it. General opinion favoured Mr. Dunbar's stable, with either Chesapeake Bay or Elliot Bay, although in some quarters it was considered that the event was somewhat open.

As events turned out, there were only three starters for the Derby, these being Elliot Bay, Misty Eve and Canadian. The first-named won by five lengths from Canadian.

His Excellency the Governor arrived just before the start of the Derby.

After yesterday's racing and a damp night, the course was still on the heavy side.

1.—THE JOCKEY CUP.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. A Cup will be presented to the winning Jockey. For China Ponies, that have started in and have not won a Race at this Meeting and that have not at any time won three flat Races, to be ridden by Jockeys who have not won five flat Races in Hongkong or China. One mile. Mr. Dynasty's King of England (Mr. Wallace).....1

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Ghoul (Mr. Gordon).....2
Messrs. Dyer and Belth's Re-chabite (Mr. Bulcock).....3
Five ran. Won by three lengths, many lengths between second and third. Time: 2 min. 12.1/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$8.60; 1st Place, \$6.60; 2nd Place, \$12.70.

2.—THE EXCHANGE PLATE.—Presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong. Value \$1,000 to Winner. Second to receive \$300 and Third \$200. For China Ponies. From the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

Mr. L. Dunbar's Chesapeake Bay.....1
Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Goblin (Mr. Ralph).....2
Messrs. Tester and Abraham's Attaboy (Mr. Encarnacao).....3
There was a dead heat for second place. Five ran. Won by two lengths. Time: 2 min. 19.1/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$6.60; 1st Place, \$5.10; 2nd Place, \$5.10.

3.—THE HONGKONG DERBY.—A Sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$2,000 added. For China Ponies, bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. First Pony to receive 70 per cent. Second 20 per cent. Third 10 per cent. of the total amount. Ponies ridden by Jockeys who have won at least 5 Official flat races in Hongkong or China, or Jockeys approved by the Stewards. One mile and a half.

Mr. Dynasty's Battle Eve.....1
Mr. L. Dunbar's Elliot Bay (Mr. Dallas).....2
Messrs. Toeg and Priestley's Canadian (Mr. Sokoloff).....3
Mr. Eve's Misty Eve.....4
Won by four lengths. Time: 3 min. 15.1/5 secs.

Canadian set the pace with Elliot Bay close behind. This position was maintained until once round the course, and then Elliot Bay began to close up. Mr. Dallas' mount took the lead about three furlongs from home and won from Canadian without being pressed. Misty Eve failed to stay and was out of the race by the time the home straight was reached.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$6.40; 1st Place, \$6.10.

4.—THE SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS' CHALLENGE CUP.—Value \$1,000. For Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. To be won two years consecutively by Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$600 and 70 per cent. Second \$200 and 20 per cent. Third \$100 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. One mile and three quarters.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Geexer.....1
Mr. R. J. Patterson's Skidoo (Mr. Dallas).....2
Mr. Ho Kor Tong's Kom Tong Hall (Mr. Encarnacao).....3
Messrs. Dyer and Belth's Loch Tummel (Mr. Reidy).....4
Nineteen ran. Won by 5 lengths, half length between second and third. Time 2 mins. 48.1/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$36.00; 1st Place, \$6.80; 2nd Place, \$5.90; 3rd Place, \$23.50.

5.—THE GREAT SOUTHERN STAKES.—Winner \$500. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Six Furlongs.

Mr. L. Dunbar's San Francisco Bay (Mr. Dallas).....1
Mr. Dynasty's King of Troy (Mr. Haimovitch).....2
Messrs. Dunbar and Stanton's San Diego (Mr. Stanton).....3
Nine ran. Won by six lengths, three lengths between second and third. Time: 1 min. 31.1/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$18.50; 1st Place, \$7.20; 2nd Place, \$7.50; 3rd Place, \$28.40.

FINAL EDITION

GOVERNOR OF MALTA.

DEATH OF GENERAL CONGREVE.

Malta, Feb. 28.
The death has occurred of General Sir Walter Congreve, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, after a few weeks' illness. The news, although expected, has plunged the whole island into most profound grief.—*Reuter.*

[General Sir Walter Norris Congreve, V.C., K.C.B., had been Governor of Malta since 1924. He was born on November 20th, 1862, and educated at Harrow. He entered the Rifle Brigade in 1885 and rose to the rank of General in 1922. He saw service and was wounded in the South African War, where he won the V.C., the Queen's medal and seven clasps and the King's medal and two clasps, being twice mentioned in despatches. He also served in the Great War, being mentioned in despatches, awarded the K.C.B. and promoted Lieutenant General. He was at one time General Officer Commanding the Troops in Egypt and Palestine and for the two years 1923-24 was Commander-in-Chief of the Southern Command. Among the many decorations he held were those of Commander of the Legion of Honour; 1st Class St. Anne of Russia; and Crown of Roumania.]

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Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$18.50; 1st Place, \$7.20; 2nd Place, \$7.50; 3rd Place, \$28.40.

7.—THE LUSITANO CUP.—Presented by the Members of the Club Lusitano. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins of this Meeting, with \$500 added. Second \$200. Third \$100. One mile.

Mr. Dynasty's Battle Eve.....1

Mr. R. J. Patterson's Skidoo (Mr. Dallas).....2

Messrs. Toeg and Priestley's Espoir (Mr. Sokoloff).....3

Seven ran. Won by three-quarters of a length, four lengths between second and third. Time: 2 min. 8.3/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$33.60; 1st Place, \$7.20; 2nd Place, \$5.80; 3rd Place, \$7.70.

8.—THE CHALLENGE CUP.—Value One Hundred Guineas. For China Ponies. To be won two years consecutively by a Pony or Ponies the bona fide property of the same owner or owners. Winner to receive \$750 and 70 per cent. Second \$300 and 20 per cent. Third \$150 and 10 per cent. of the Entrance Fees until the Cup is finally won when the Second Pony will receive 75 per cent. of the Entrance Fees in addition to the place money. One mile and three quarters.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Geexer.....1

Mr. R. J. Patterson's Skidoo (Mr. Dallas).....2

Mr. Ho Kor Tong's Kom Tong Hall (Mr. Encarnacao).....3

Six ran. Won by a neck, three lengths between second and third. Time: 3 min. 56 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$9.10; 1st Place, \$6.10; 2nd Place, \$6.90; 3rd Place, \$3.10.

CASH SWEEPS.

TO-DAY'S WINNING NUMBERS.

SOME BIG PRIZES.

Below are the Cash Sweep ticket numbers on to-day's Races up to the time of going to press:

First Race.
Ticket No. 669 \$1,220.80
Ticket No. 313 \$ 848.80
Ticket No. 109 \$ 174.40
550 Tickets—276, 467.

Second Race.
Ticket No. 491 \$1,607.20
" 513 \$ 344.40
" 458 \$3,344.40
550 Tickets—395, 569.

Third Race.
Ticket No. 489 \$7,442.40
" 548 \$2,126.40
" 449 \$1,063.20

Fourth Race.
Ticket No. 262 \$2,349.20
" 23 \$ 671.20
" 312 \$ 335.60
550 Tickets—951, 978, 1011, 591, 100, 38, 18, 174, 956, 590, 615, 297, 140, 107, 180, 790.

Fifth Race.
Ticket No. 324 \$3,931.20
" 1200 \$1,123.20
" 1293 \$ 561.60
550 Tickets—363, 327, 175, 437, 530, 1138.

Sixth Race.
Ticket No. 134 \$3,695.00
" 852 \$1,055.00
" 645 \$ 523.00
550 Tickets—1059, 923, 800, 1163.

Seventh Race.
Ticket No. 575 \$3,723.20
" 819 \$1,065.20
" 1343 \$ 532.60
550 Tickets—884, 967, 295.

Eighth Race.
Ticket No. 1162 \$3,450.80
" 1091 \$ 988.80
" 447 \$ 494.40
550 Tickets—45, 180, 144, 1290, 696, 871, 745, 893, 1130, 549, 76, 289.

Ninth Race.
Ticket No. 395 \$3,187.80
" 724 \$ 910.80
" 773 \$ 455.40
550 Tickets—249.

Tenth Race.
Ticket No. 26 \$2,955.40
" 907 \$ 844.40
" 724 \$ 422.20
550 Tickets—870, 9, 63, 397, 634.

11.—THE ROYAL NAVY CUP.—Presented by the Officers of H. M. S. Navy, with \$500 added to the Winner. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Subscription Griffins of any Season. From the two mile post once round and in. (About one mile 165 yards).

Mrs. Bernard's Barley Grass.....1

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's The Gnome (Mr. Ralph).....2

Mr. R. M. Austin's Home Call (Mr. Dallas).....3

Fifteen ran. Won by a head, a neck between second and third. Time: 2 min. 22.2/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$129.60; 1st Place, \$13.70; 2nd Place, \$7.20; 3rd Place, \$6.30.

12.—THE "BLACK ROCK" STAKES.—Winner \$500. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies bona fide Griffins of this Meeting. One mile and a quarter.

Messrs. Toeg and Priestley's Canadian (Mr. Sokoloff).....1

Mr. Dynasty's King of Clubs (Mr. Haimovitch).....2

Mr. Seth's Ole Custom (Mr. Brodie).....3

Four starters. Won by four lengths, with six lengths between second and third. Time: 2 min. 41.1/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$9.30; 1st Place, \$5.70; 2nd Place, \$5.90.

13.—THE GYMKHANA STAKES.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For all China Ponies that have started for Races in at least two Extra Meetings during the Season 1926 and Subscription Griffins of this Meeting. Weight 140 lb. Winners at this Meeting barred. One mile.

Messrs. Hall and Shenton's Saligia (Mr. Ralph).....1

Mrs. R. J. Patterson's Ukelele (Mr. Brodie).....2

Messrs. Abraham and Tester's Demon Boy (Mr. Encarnacao).....3

Eight starters. Won by two lengths; six lengths between second and third. Time: 2 min. 09.2/5 secs.

Pari-Mutuel.—Winner, \$5.70; 1st Place, \$5.50; 2nd Place, \$7.30; 3rd Place, \$8.50.

MORE CHINA QUESTIONS.

ANTI-BRITISH POSTERS AT HANKOW.

FUTURE STATUS OF THE TIENTSIN CONCESSION.

LABOUR M. P. SECEDES.

Questions arising out of the China crisis again figured in the House of Commons yesterday, Mr. Looker directing attention to anti-British posters appearing in Hankow since the signing of the Agreement. Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying, said he presumed Mr. O'Malley would call Mr. Chen's attention to any proceedings incompatible with his assurances.

Replying to another question, Sir Austen Chamberlain agreed that the principles of the Hankow Agreement were not applicable to Tientsin and added that the discussions at Peking had not advanced beyond the question of general principles.

When Commander Kenworthy asked a question, in regard to the arrest of strikers at Shanghai, as to whether General Duncan had been instructed to carry out the traditions of the British Army, Sir Austen Chamberlain gave him a prompt snub, saying such instructions were not necessary.

Mr. Haden Guest, M. P., has resigned from the Labour Party owing to disagreement regarding the Chinese question.

The troopship Kinfauns Castle, with the Divisional Headquarters and the 2nd. Batt. of the Coldstream Guards aboard, arrived in harbour at about eight o'clock this morning and immediately went alongside at Holt's Wharf.

The Coldstream Guards is one of the famous British Foot Guard Regiments, of which the Colonel-in-Chief is H. M. the King. The Regimental Motto is "Nulli Secundus" and the Regiment carries the King's colours as well as its own Regimental colours. It has many honorary distinctions, and during the Great War raised five Battalions.

The Commanding Officer of the 2nd. Battalion is Lieut.-Col. P. R. B. Lawrence, M. C., and the following are the officers: Majors The Viscount Marsham, and C. J. M. Riley, M. C., Captains O. W. H. Lesse, D.S.O., M. F. Trew, R. V. Martyn, Lord Bingham, M.C., and A. B. O. Reynolds. Lieuts. Lord Stratheden, Sir Walter Barttelot and Sir Terence Falkiner.

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On enquiry at Military Headquarters, we were informed that no decision has yet been made as to whether the Coldstream Guards or the 1st Devons will remain in Hongkong or proceed to Shanghai.

The Eighth Destroyer Flotilla, now on its way East, is expected to arrive in Hongkong about March 12th.

Marines at Shanghai.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
The a.s. Minnesota with 1,000 Marines on board has arrived here.—*Reuter.*

Gen. Duncan Interviewed.

Shanghai, Feb. 28.
Interviewed by pressmen Major General Duncan said that as far as he knew, for the present the Coldstream Guards are remaining in Hongkong. He emphasised that the mission of the Shanghai Defence Corps was "to protect British lives and property."

General Duncan is suffering from a slight fever as a result of vaccination.—*Reuter.*

NAVAL REPORTS.

Ichang Boycott Tightened.

Ichang, Feb. 28.
No progress has been made with the strike negotiations, owing to the difficulty of getting into touch with the Unions. The anti-British boycott has tightened, but judging by recent events, orders appear to have been received to cease agitation.

The situation is very unsettled, and the British community has been reduced to its essential minimum.—*Naval Wireless.*

Changsha's Plight.

Changsha, Feb. 28.
The anti-British boycott is complete, and the community has been reduced to a minimum.—*Naval Wireless.*

One-Hour Strike.

Hankow, Feb. 28.
A one-hour strike from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. to-day was very complete and all workers were forced to stop duty.

An aeroplane flew over the city yesterday dropping pamphlets extolling the Kuomintang party.—*Naval Wireless.*

Troop Movements.

Kiukiang, Feb. 28.
About one thousand troops crossed the river to-day from the town.—*Naval Wireless.*

Nanking, Feb. 28.
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The transfer of Shantung troops from Pukow continues at an unremitting pace.—*Naval Wireless.*

The Hague, Feb. 28.
In compliance with the request of the Commander-in-Chief of the Dutch Indian Squadron, thirty marines are leaving Holland shortly to reinforce the crew of the battle cruiser Sumatra now at Shanghai, and the return of thirty marines to Holland has been postponed for the same reason.—*Reuter.*

POSTERS AT HANKOW.

Question of Tientsin's Future.

London, Feb. 28.
In the House of Commons at question time, Mr. H. W. Looker alleged that anti-British posters had been affixed at Hankow since the signature of the O'Malley-Chen Agreement, and Sir Austen Chamberlain, presumed that Mr. O'Malley would call Mr. Chen's attention to any proceedings incompatible with his assurances.

Mr. Looker asked for information of the negotiations regarding Tientsin and whether, *inter alia*, Sir Austen Chamberlain was aware that the principles of the Hankow Agreement were considered unsuitable to the conditions at Tientsin and, likely, if repeated, there, materially to affect the future of the Port and the British interests involved, and whether the Minister would consult with responsible British opinion there before definitely committing

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CUSTOMS.HISTORY OF A VALUABLE
SERVICE.

In the present phase of misunderstanding that has arisen between the newly-arrived Chinese Powers that be and the strangers within their gates, and with their demand for the revision of their Customs administration, it may be of use to recall how and why that service was founded. What have we, as a nation, to do with the matter?

In 1853 the Chinese city of Shanghai was captured by the T'ai-ping rebels. From the outlying area of the foreign settlements, however, then a half-reclaimed swamp, they were repulsed by foreign naval forces; and into this haven of refuge fled all the Chinese officials of the city proper.

There was nobody left to collect taxes. The foreign trade of Shanghai was already of considerable value. "The merchants, then chiefly English and American," writes H. B. Morse, the distinguished American historian of China's trade relations, and formerly Statistical Secretary to the Customs, "inherited the honourable traditions of the old factory days, which had been placed upon a just and moderate basis by the treaties of 1842 and later years; and the Consuls, newly armed with extra-territorial jurisdiction, conceived it to be as much their duty to control as to protect their nationals."

"Squeezing."

At that time only three nations were involved—the English, Americans and French. The volume of British trade being the largest of the three, a British subject, Captain Wade—later Sir T. Wade, our Minister in Peking—was appointed to take control of the position, other nationals assisting him. Their organisation proved so successful that when the Rebellion was suppressed the then Imperial Government desired that the system should be promulgated through all the Treaty ports and a central body formed in Peking. Thus the Chinese Maritime Customs came into being.

In fairness to the old officials, it must be said that their salaries were so totally inadequate that it was impossible for them to live without accepting bribes. What the scale of "squeezing" can be is illustrated by a story of what happened this very year in a British firm. They had decided to try the experiment of paying a foreign scale of salary to a young, modern-trained Chinese assistant, instead of leaving him to make up his pay by "squeeze." One of his first duties was to collect certain ground rents from some workmen's houses. He duly sent in the \$1,000 Mexican—i.e., roughly £100—which he had received. Now, the directors had never, from any of his predecessors, received more than \$100. That is, out of every \$100 they had been mulcted no less than \$90!

The Chinese Maritime Customs have carried out an unusually delicate task. A British subject stands at the head, appointed by the Chinese Government, but only as long as British trade predominates. If it were not for British India and the huge transshipment in Hongkong, Japan would have the right to demand that a Japanese be at the helm, for her trade has long been one of the greatest factors in China's economic development.

British Bias.

Alongside the British work French, Italian, American, Japanese, and other commissions, in mutual forbearance and amity; and, of course, many Chinese work with them. America has lately made the pronouncement that she will not interfere in the Chinese Maritime Customs, seeing that they are a Chinese Government service. For seventy years this has been their sole *raison d'être* in British

eyes. The head of the Customs, formerly Sir Robert Hart, now Sir Francis Aglen, is but an administrative head. He works under the Maritime Customs Board, or Shui-wu-pu, a branch of the Chinese Government, a board of Chinese officials of high standing. All orders are issued in their names, and on their responsibility, except the purely administrative.

Every foreign commissioner in a treaty port has a Chinese colleague with whom he keeps in touch. The money collected passes, it is true, through foreign banks, the reason that, till recent years, big banking was undeveloped in China, and of late Chinese banks outside the Concessions have suffered intolerable denigrations. Yu-hsiang's troops a year in Peking behaved admirably towards the populace. Unlike other troops, they paid their debt honourably. But how did they find funds? An officer would say, "To-morrow morning this bank will pay ten thousand dollars for our war chest." "We have not got it," wails the banker. "I shall call for it at ten," states the officer. And in the morning he receives it, or near that sum.

The foreign members of the Customs service do not serve their own countries, but China. They are Chinese Civil Servants, and they serve with a loyalty that becomes an obsession, even an absurdity. The fiercest Chinese Nationalist acknowledges this and finds it a little bewildering. The last person on whom a British Commissioner in the Customs has mercy is a fellow-countryman. British Consuls have often to sit in judgment between the zeal and a British merchant and the British Consular service is equally noted for its bias towards the Chinese, rather than the British side of these disputes.

"Aberdeen versus Belfast."

When my husband went to open a Consulate-General on the Yangtze, at one river port there awaited him a cumbersome parking-case from the Foreign Office. It contained, they said, the gilded coat of arms of the lion and unicorn, which he would have to install over the Consulate gate. Being already over-burdened with Consular goods, he sighed, but prepared to take it on and save carriage. Here, however, the Commissioner of Customs, an Ulsterman, intervened with a demand for Customs dues. My husband, a Scot, demurred, pointing out the official nature of the object in question. The Ulsterman insisted that all gold or gilt was dutiable, and openly gloated that there was a great deal of gilt about this coat of arms. It was Aberdeen versus Belfast, in the heart of China, and a Belfast stubborn in the interests of China.

The Scot refused to pay, the Ulsterman to give up his prey. The matter was referred to Peking, and after weeks the ultimatum came freezing, of course, the coat of arms of a friendly Power's Consulate. But it was a Pyrrhic victory, for the British Government had to pay almost as much in special transport as the tax demanded, to the pleasure of the Ulsterman.

The Customs under foreign guidance has done great things for China. They alone have been the branch of the Chinese Government which has cared to tabulate statistics of her trade. Every Chinese official of worth, every foreign commercial attaché, works by means of their annual reports—yellow tomes, in Chinese and English, the fruit of years of patient, elaborate research, the only object of which is the increase of China's resources and economic capacity. To the Customs China owes the charting of her seas, her lighthouses, the buoying of her harbours, the harnessing of her unwieldy rivers, and credit for her Reconstruction Loans. The Chinese Post Office, also under foreign guidance, the story of which is another romance, began as a side-shoot of the Customs. The child has outgrown the parent, for its ramifications reach from Turkestan to Tonquin. The Maritime Customs only controls the greater ports; it exercises no jurisdiction over all the vast internal trade, which pays like a

OBITUARY.

RT. REV. C. J. RIDGEWAY.

London, Feb. 23.

The death has taken place of the Rt. Rev. Charles John Ridgeway, former bishop of North China.—*Reuter*.

The deceased prelate was born in July 1841 and was educated at St. Paul's School and Trinity College, Cambridge. In 1866 he was made curate of Tunbridge Wells, and two years later Vicar of North Malvern. From 1875 to 1880 he was Rector of Burekhurst Hill and from 1884 to 1905 Vicar of Christ Church, Lancaster Gate. He was at one time Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral and Rural Dean of Paddington. Later he was appointed Surrogate Commissary of the Archbishop of Cape Town and later still Bishop of North China. He was also a past Chaplain of Grand Lodges of Masons both in England and Scotland and in 1903 to 1919 Bishop of Chichester. He retired in 1919. He was the author of several religious works.

Mr. Arthur McCamus.

The death is reported of Mr. Arthur McCamus, the Communist who received the famous Zinovieff letter.—*Reuter*.

every barrier to every petty official.

If, with the new Cantonese regime, come stability and good government for China, there could be no reason why the Customs and Posts should not be gradually given into Chinese hands—a gift of service in which we may be proud of sharing. But it would be to put the cart before the horse, to retire before internal peace is achieved and a modicum of equity and clean-handedness attained. The good work of many years does not deserve to be light-given up to possible destruction.

In the meantime, we may tell this comfort to our hearts that amidst all the bitterness there is an uncounted number of the deeper-thinking, perhaps more truly patriotic, Chinese, who do on the Customs with unstinted friendship and admiration. Not the least amongst them are some of its own Chinese servants, colleagues of the foreigner. There are in profound disagreement with their more opportunist fellow-countrymen, and on occasion they have to endure much abuse for their convictions.—*Daily Telegraph*.

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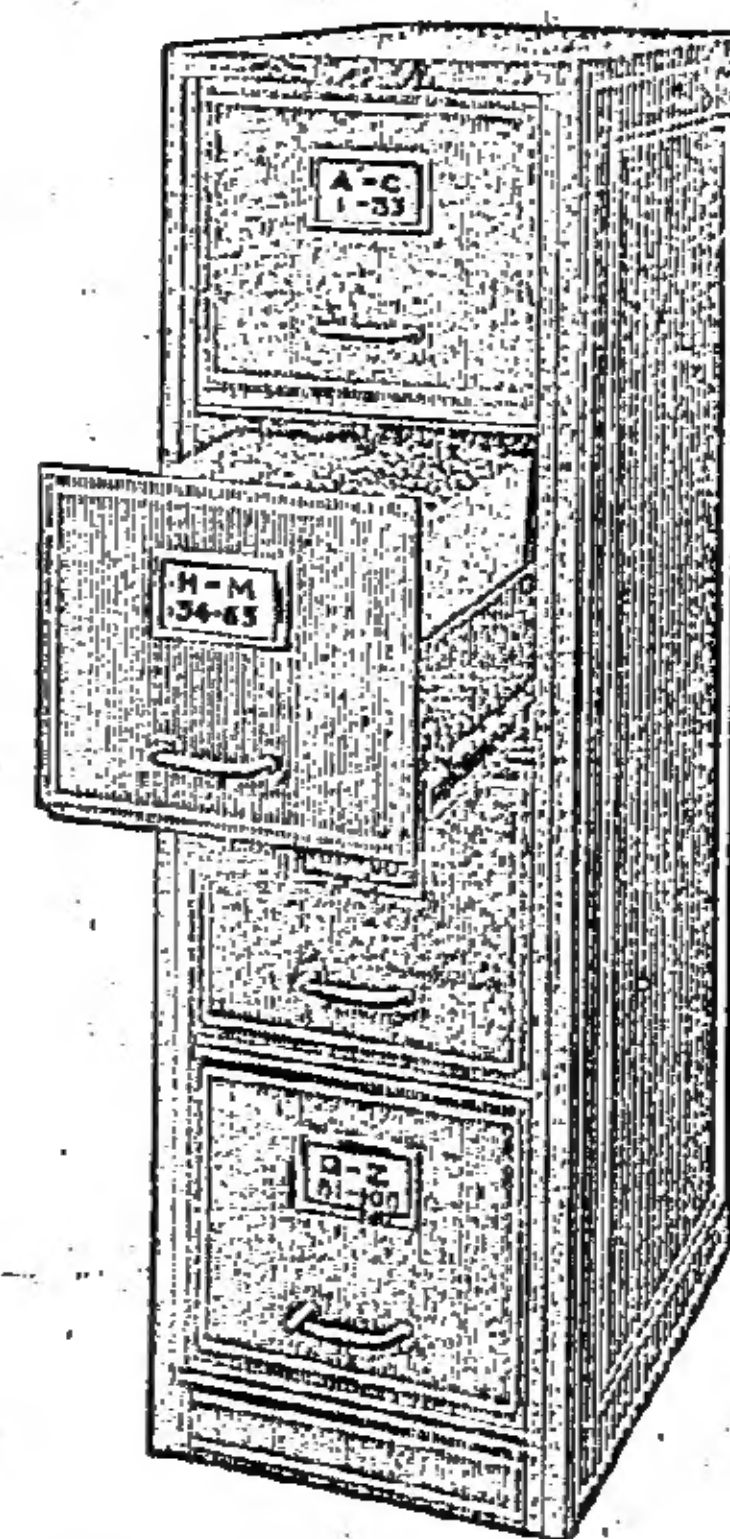
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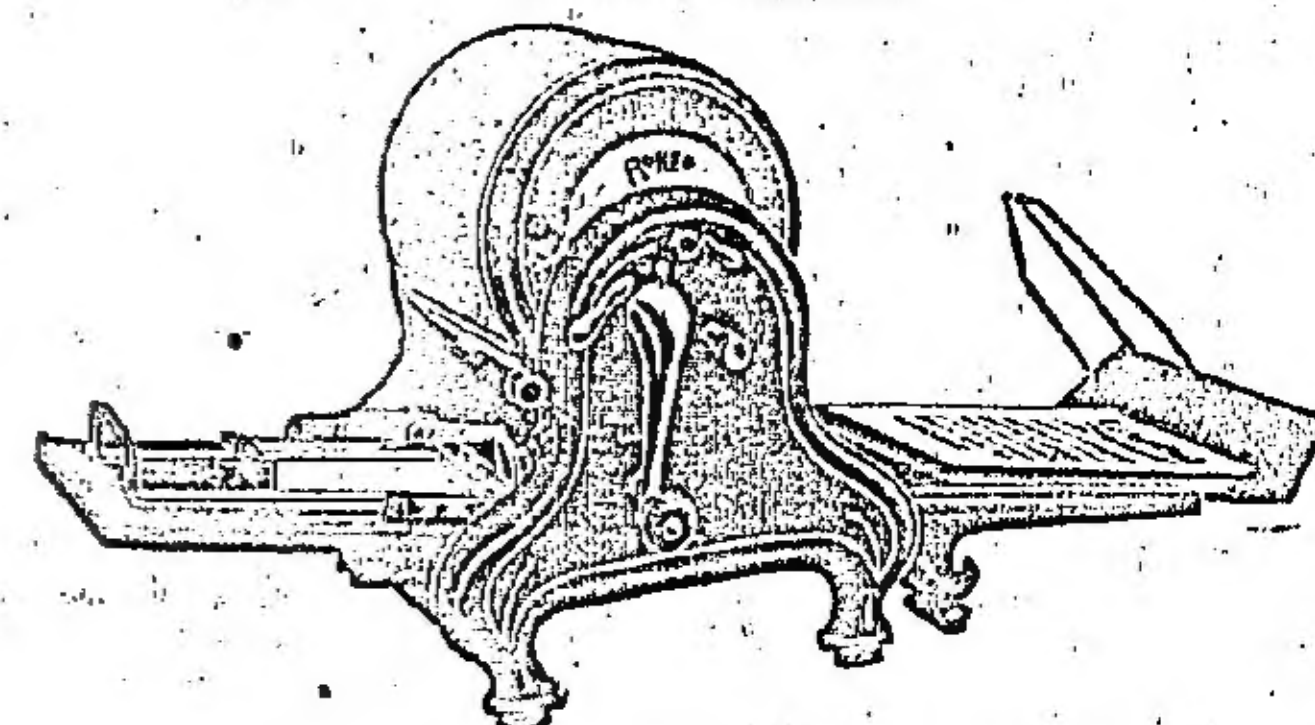
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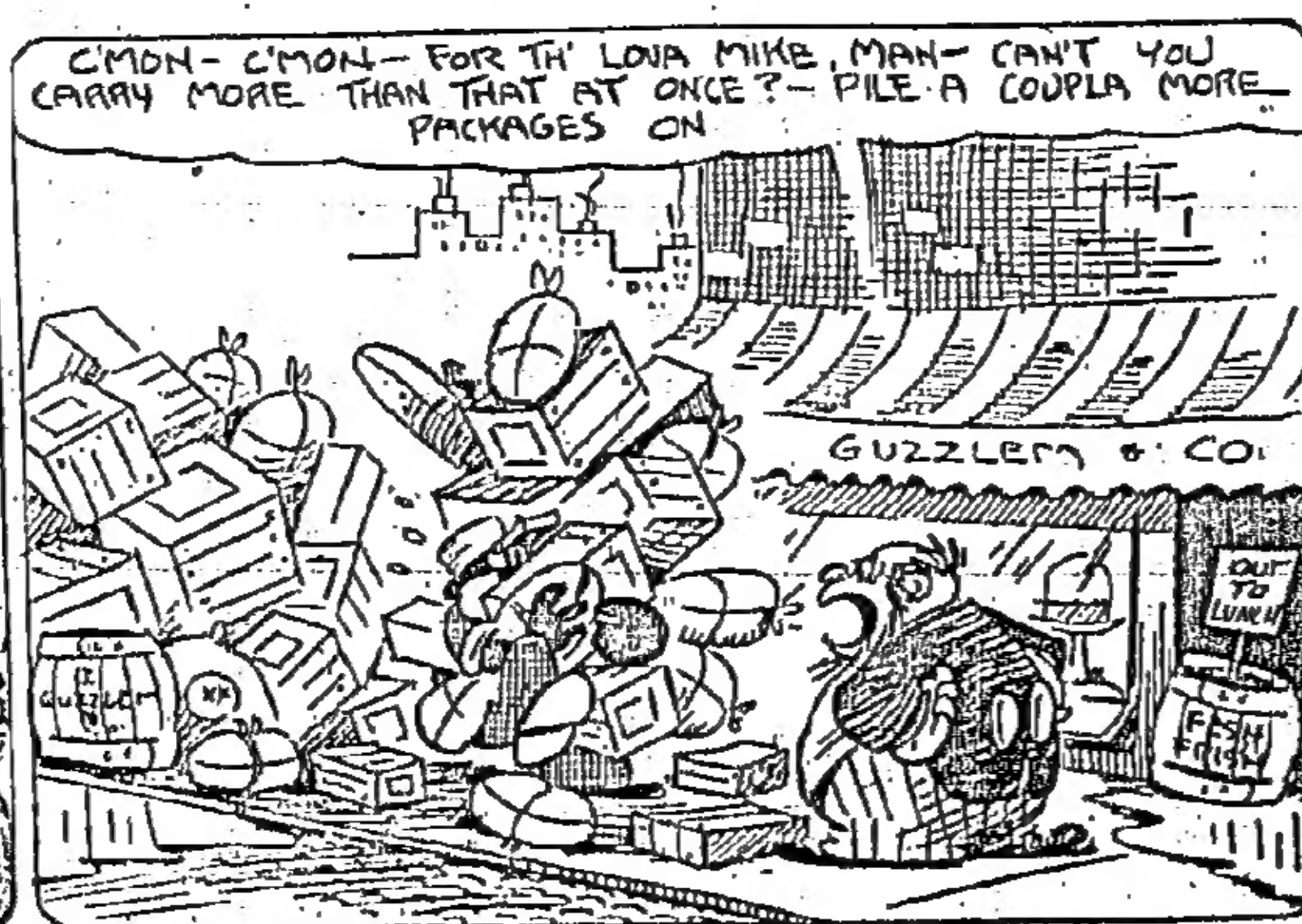
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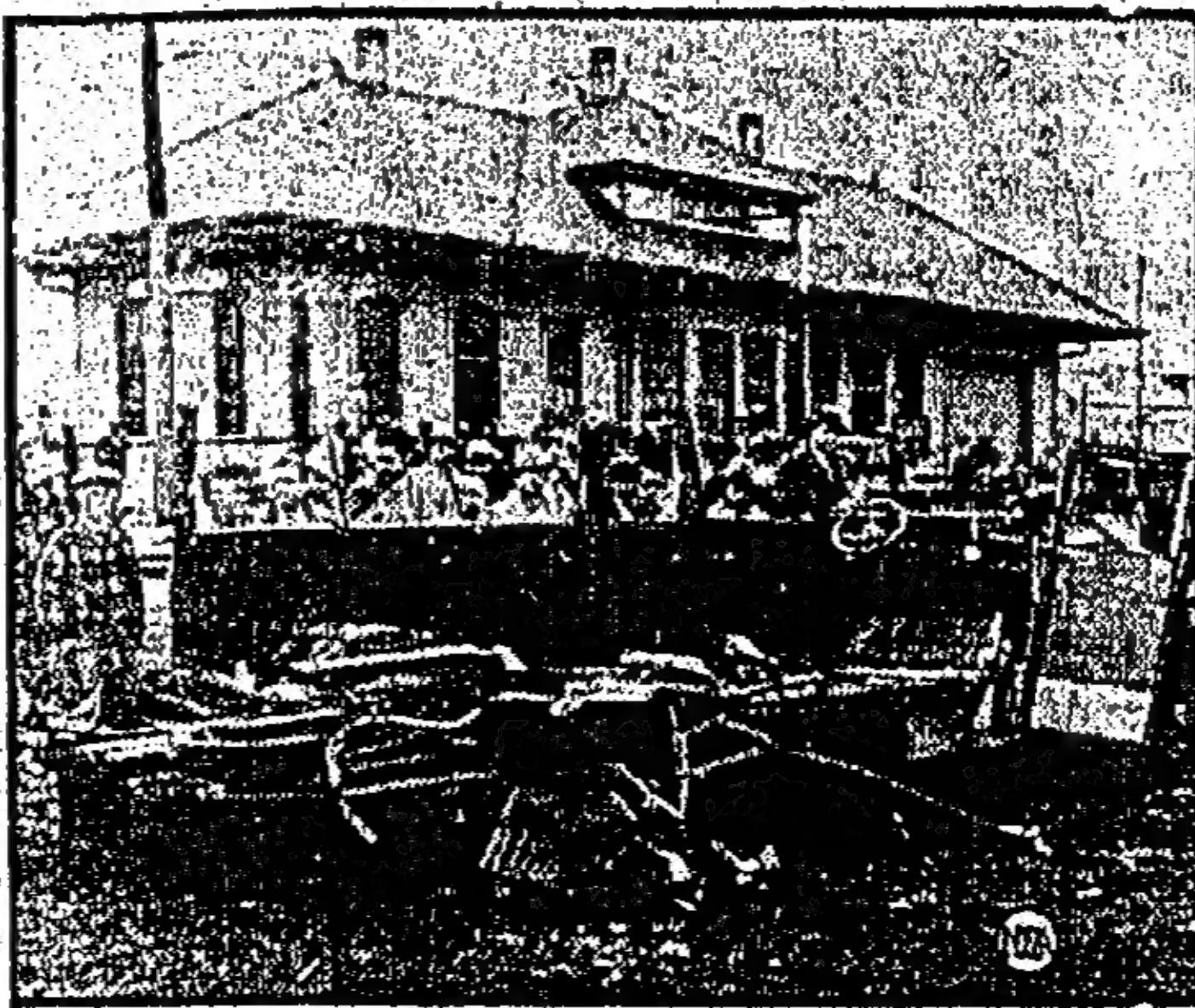
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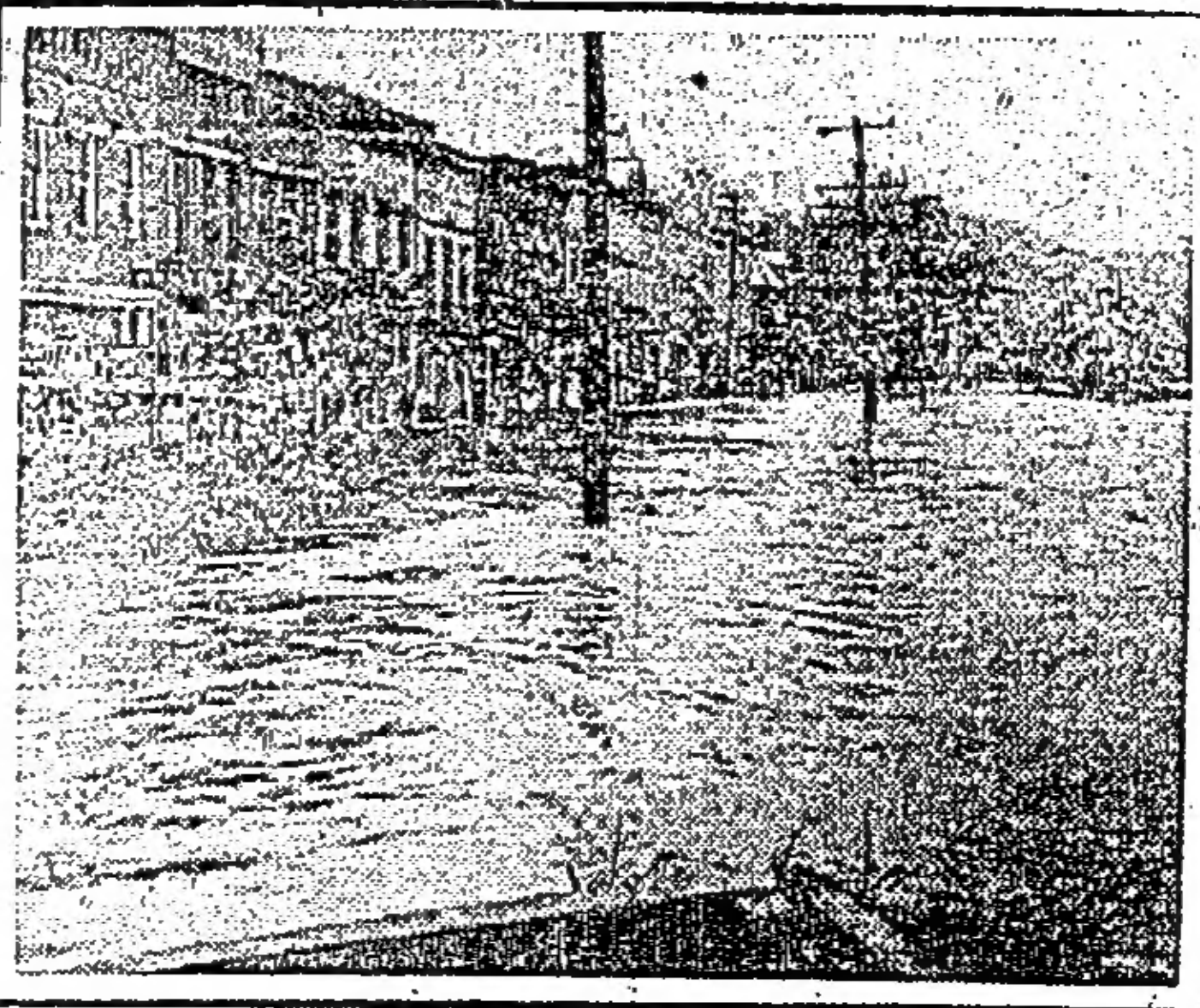
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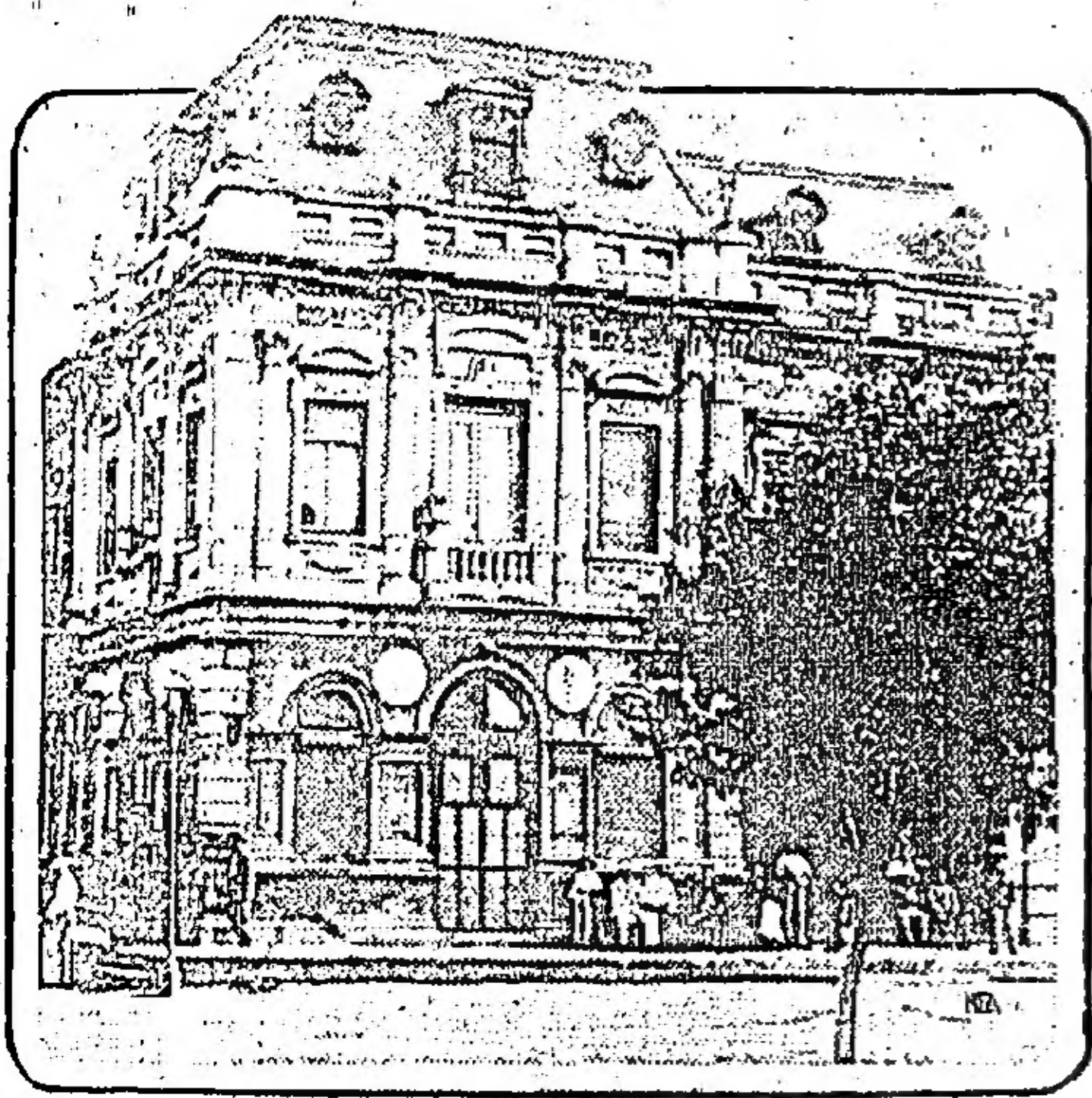
A POPULAR SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding of Mr. Reginald Alex Elliot Paterson and Miss Grace Kennedy, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai. Included in the group also are Mrs. S. A. Arthur, matron of honour, Miss Marjorie Smith, bridesmaid, Mrs. M. Courtis, Mr. S. A. Arthur, Mr. J. W. Morcher, best man, Messrs. J. Frost and W. H. Way, Master Arthur, page, and Miss Courtis, flower girl.



ATHLETES KILLED.—Ten men were killed, 10 were injured, and two escaped unhurt when a bus bearing athletes of the Taylor University basketball team was struck by a passenger train at Round Rock, Texas. Wreckage of the bus, which was hurled 75 feet by the engine, is shown above.



FLOODED STREET.—This picture shows one of the principal streets of Pomeroy, Ohio, during the floods.



NICARAGUA REVOLT.—The question of who is to occupy this house was the cause of all of Nicaragua's trouble. It is the presidential palace in Managua, the capital.



LAST-MINUTE MERCY.—These four priests faced a Mexican firing squad at Merida, Yucatan, but a last-minute telegram from President Calles arrived changing the sentence of execution to one of permanent exile. Left to right, they are Gustavo Gagliero, Manuel Horio Rosaldo, Catarino Delgado and Crescencio Cruz.

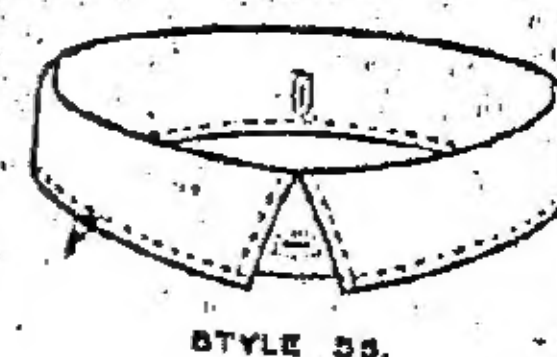


CANADIAN DOG DERBY.—The northland's star mushers faced 42 below zero weather as they competed in the annual dog derby at The Pas, Manitoba. Above are first pictures of the great Canadian sporting event. The upper view shows Emilio St. Goddard, the winner, and his team of huskies nearing the finish mark. At the left below is a close-up of St. Goddard and his lead dog. At the right are some Canadian beauties who cheered him on. The course was 120 miles. St. Goddard's time was 11 hours 27 minutes. The pictures were taken by a Canadian National Railways photographer.

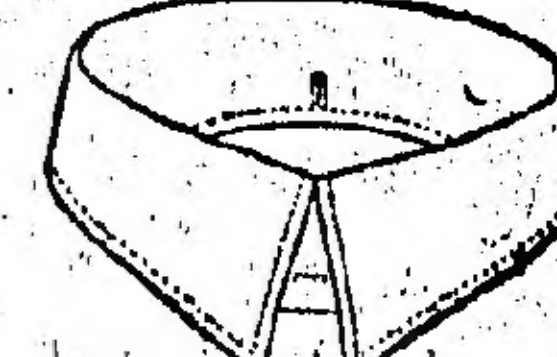


PRINCESS AND ROYAL SUITORS.—Three princes are seeking the hand of Princess Giovanni of Italy in marriage. The princess and her royal suitors are shown here. Above is Prince Wilhelm, son of the ex-crown prince of Germany; below him is Archduke Albrecht of Hapsburg, who is contesting for a claim on the crown of Hungary; at the left is Prince Albrecht of Bavaria.

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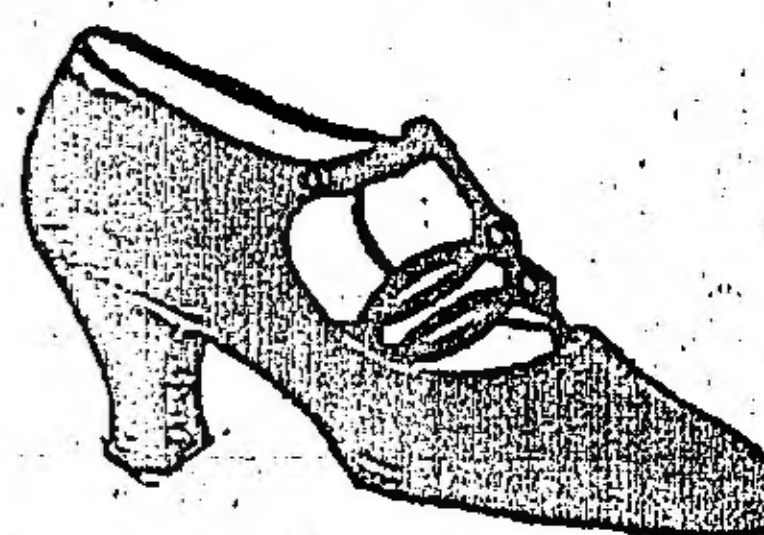
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Members have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the Members' Enclosure.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before Saturday, February 26th, 1927, at a cost of \$10. each per day or \$30. for the Meeting.

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By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

G. R. NOTICE.

The Institute will re-open on TUESDAY, March 1st. Students Joining Classes held at Queen's College will be enrolled at the Education Department only; (Fire Brigade Station Building, 3rd floor) those Joining Classes held at The Central British School, Kowloon, may be enrolled at that school. Entry forms may be obtained at the Education Department or at the Central British School.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the year ending 31st December, 1926, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable, on and after the 28th February, 1927, at the Office of the Corporation where Shareholders are requested to apply for warrants.

By Order,

of the Court of Directors,

A. H. BARLOW,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 26th Feb., 1927.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

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Hongkong, 28th Feb., 1927.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st February to 5th March, 1927, both days inclusive.

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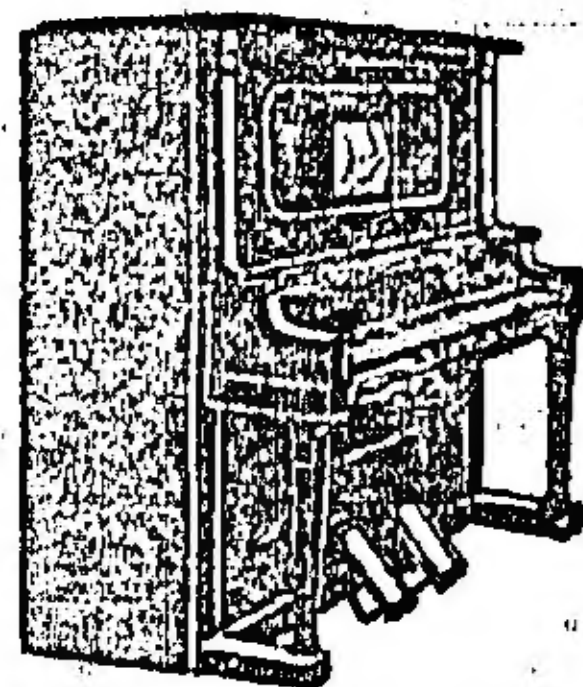
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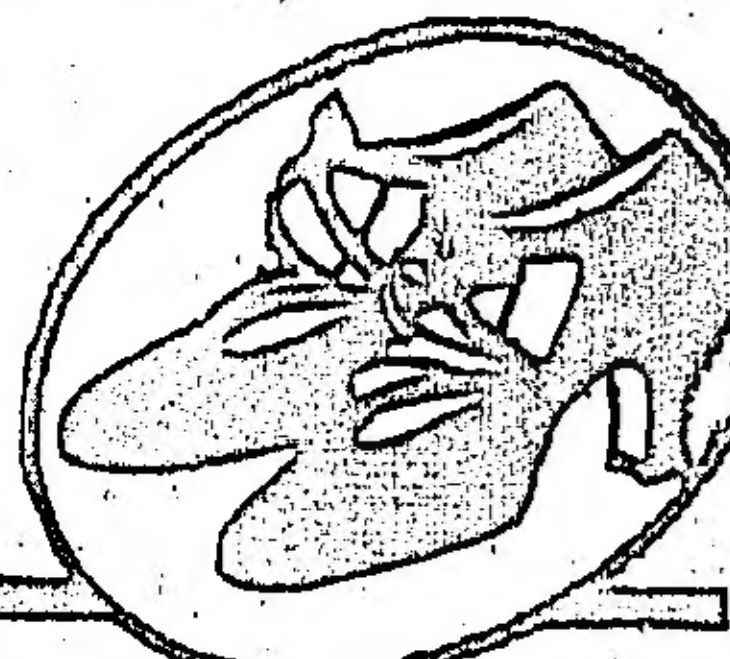
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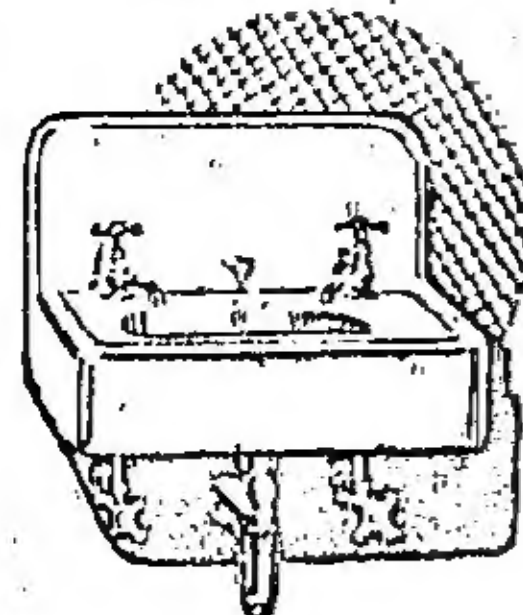
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NICARAGUA REVOLT.

BRITISH WARSHIP MISSION.

Corintho, Feb. 28.
After a conference with Captain Lecky aboard the Cruiser Colombo the British Charge D'Affaires issued a statement in which he said that if necessary Britain would be the first country after the United States to recognize the Diaz regime. Nothing would be done except in co-operation with the American Admiral, Latimer.

United States marines were fired on while enroute by train from Leon to Chinandega. Nobody was hit, but orders were given to return the fire and endeavour to capture the assailants in future.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FRENCH DEBT.

AMERICA ACCEPTS.

Paris, Feb. 28.
Le Matin says that the United States has agreed to accept payment of account of the debt from France pending the ratification of the debt agreement.—*Reuter.*

According to Le Matin M. Poincaré has received from President Coolidge a particularly friendly response accepting the French proposals concerning provisory debt payments.

The proposals are similar to those accepted by Britain.—*Havas.*

SINGAPORE FATALITY.

SAD GUN ACCIDENT.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Feb. 28.
The death has occurred as the result of a gun accident of Mr. P. P. Cave, Assistant Manager of the Guthrie Company. The deceased had returned from a crocodile shooting expedition, and it is believed that his gun exploded when he was cleaning it.

HELIGOLAND IN DANGER.

SERIOUS EROSION.

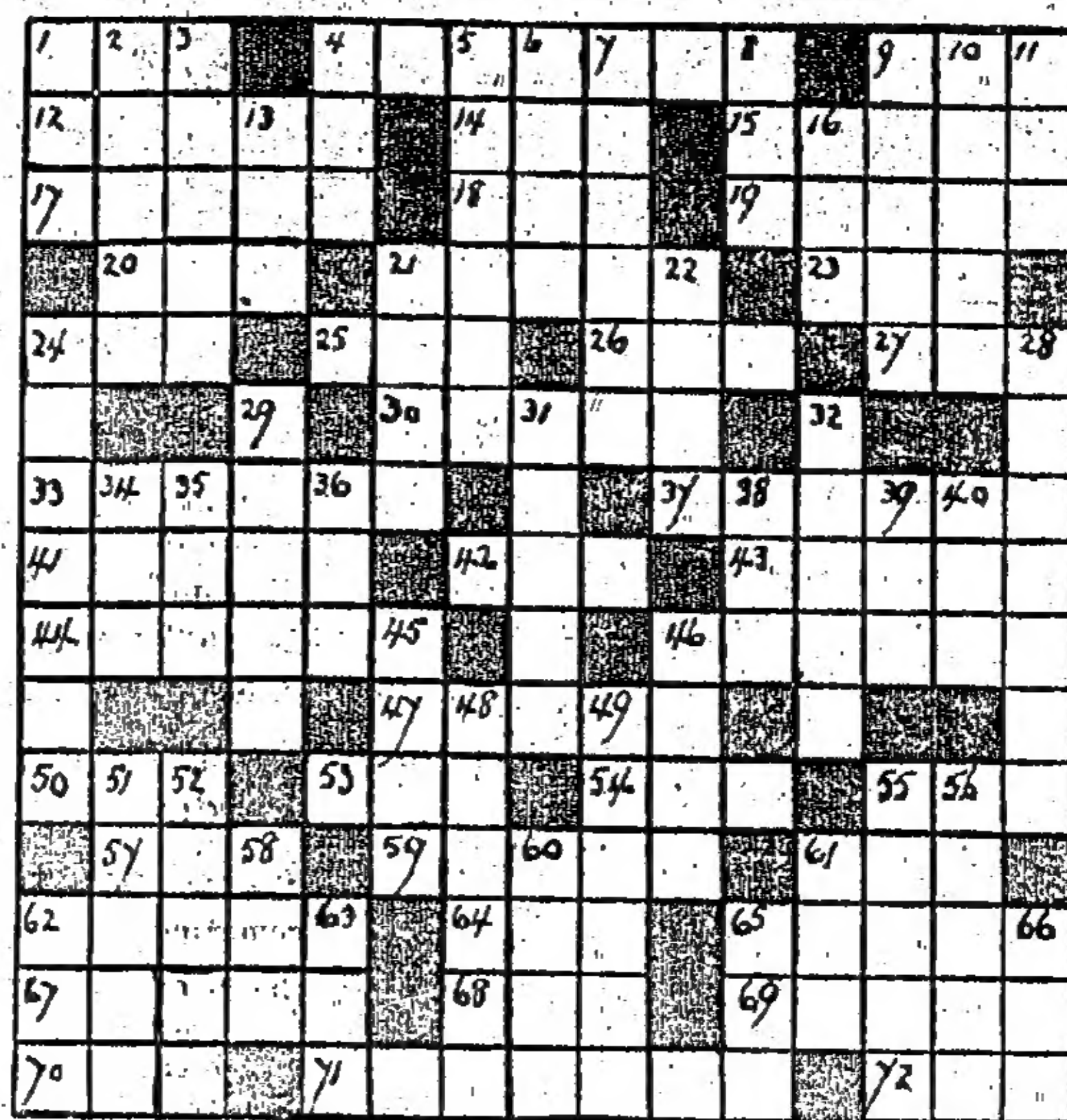
Berlin, January 20.—The future of Heligoland is the subject of an embittered controversy between the inhabitants of the island and the Prussian Government.

The floods of last year did such damage to the sandbanks on the smaller half of the island, which form the attraction to visitors that the very existence of the "letting" in summer is threatened. The sea is eating away the chalk cliff that forms the basis of these banks and though the Heligoland's attribute the slipping of sand and chalk first to the erection of the heavy marine fortifications and then to their destruction consequent on the Treaty of Versailles, competent authorities claim that the action of the sea itself is at the bottom of the mischief.

The State of Prussia, to which Heligoland belongs, proposes to erect a protective shelter of ferro-concrete over the sandbank, so that wind and wave shall not attack it from all sides. This will be a formidable piece of marine engineering, anchored deep down in the rocky bottom of the island, a fact which does not prevent an outcry that it will either blow over when a really big storm comes, or undermine the island still further. Work will be begun during the spring.

The case is interesting all who have to do with the erosion of a coast line. The alternative breakwater scheme is less expensive, but it is argued that Germany has already spent so many millions on

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.

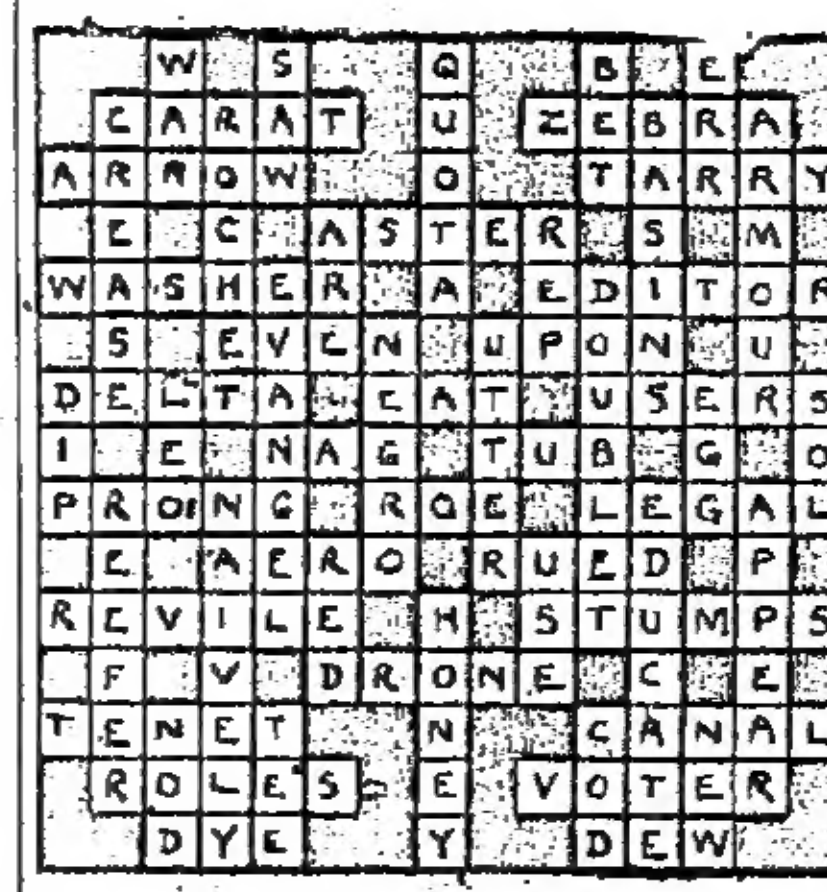


Across.

- 1 Catch suddenly.
- 2 Ocean.
- 3 Friend.
- 4 Exultant.
- 5 Baffle.
- 6 Coloured clay.
- 7 One who gives.
- 8 Not high.
- 9 Land owner.
- 10 Sleep.
- 11 Liquid measure (plur.).
- 12 Cry of a sheep.
- 13 Fish.
- 14 Grimace.
- 15 Organ of hearing.
- 16 Solution of an alkali.
- 17 Prickle.
- 18 Outcast.
- 19 Consisting of snail.
- 20 Wild animal.
- 21 Exclamation of contempt.
- 22 Sent without a back.
- 23 Most advanced in years.
- 24 Absorb fluid.
- 25 Ant.
- 26 Spread.
- 27 Before.
- 28 No.
- 29 Aeriform fluid.
- 30 Anger.
- 31 Lowest point.
- 32 Small island.
- 33 One who acts for another.
- 34 Light carriage.
- 35 Semi-pellucid mineral.
- 36 Tibetan town.
- 37 Male sheep.
- 38 Relating to punishment.
- 39 Limited (abb.).
- 40 Ecclesiastic of higher order.
- 41 Attempt.

Down.

- 1 Boy's name.
- 2 Unaccompanied.
- 3 Hackneyed.
- 4 By, or for.
- 5 Acknowledged successor of Mohammed.
- 6 Fagot deity.
- 7 Pursuer of wild fowls.
- 8 Elevated mountain pass.



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"EUMAEUS"	MAC	2 boxes Tinplates	11/6/26
"KEEMUN"			
"ASPHALION"	N/M 4	— do —	7/7/26
"TELEMACHUS"	VOC	1 cask Oil	18/8/26
"EURYADES"	ITC	1 box Tinplates	19/8/26
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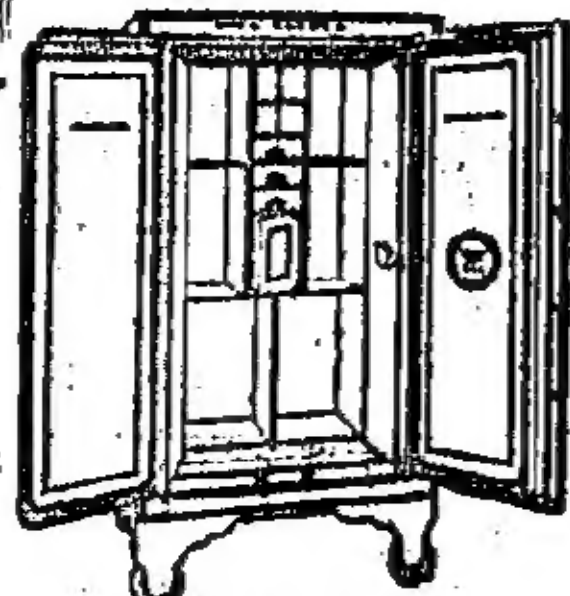
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WHO THEY ARE.

The disclosures which we yesterday reprinted from the *Daily Mail* regarding the so-called Chinese Information Bureau in London made most interesting reading. They served to demonstrate the point that the Chinese Nationalists have their own special propaganda organisation in London, directed by two Britishers concerning whom some illuminating information was given by the journal named. The head of the Bureau, apparently, is Mr. Reginald Bridgeman, a former member of the Diplomatic Service, who is described as having been "unemployed" since 1922, whilst closely associated with him is Lieut.-Col. L'Estrange Malone, who was removed from the Active List in connection with a visit to Russia and who has undergone a sentence of six months for an act likely to lead to sedition. The existence of this Bureau, which is said to resemble closely the former Russian Information Bureau, the chief duty of which appears to have been the spreading of Bolshevik propaganda in Great Britain, explains much of the anti-British writing which we have seen from time to time in the *Canton Gazette* emanating from London. It is, indeed, not too much to believe that various extremist organisations in London have made free use of the Bureau for their own purposes. According to the *Daily Mail*, Mr. Bridgeman says that the Bureau is supported by himself and "a few voluntary subscribers," but he failed to satisfy the enquirer when asked who these people were. A little light on that particular point would be most welcome, and we are not by any means convinced that Soviet agitators are not connected with the organisation.

To those who are disposed to analyse the personnel of the party behind the Nationalist movement, the fact cannot be overlooked that a goodly number of undesirable characters are found amongst those occupying high positions, either in the inner councils of the Government or in organisations whose business it is to conduct Nationalist propaganda. It is common knowledge that Jacob Borodin, the Soviet extreme, plays a dominating part in Nationalist

Government affairs, and it has recently been recalled that he is no other than Michael Grusenbergs, who was sentenced in Glasgow some time ago to six months' imprisonment and recommended for deportation. Now we find another ex-prisoner, in Lieut.-Col. L'Estrange Malone, prominently identified with the London Bureau of which mention has been made. There are other individuals, too, with distinctly shady reputations, associated in one way or another with Nationalist activity. Facts like these detract from the firm-sounding platitudes in which the Nationalist leaders are wont to indulge regarding the aims and ideals of the party. Most movements are judged by the disinterested outside observer from the character of its leaders, and it certainly is not to the credit of the Nationalists that they should rely so much on "men of the type" mentioned above. It is when we come to look closely into the history of many of these men that we begin to feel that the so-called Chinese Nationalist movement does not altogether justify its name or character. Much of its activity is kept alive by individuals who are not Chinese at all, whilst not a few are men of the adventurous type who are willing to lend a hand in the stirring up of trouble anywhere. If the Nationalists really want to make a lasting impression, they will do well to shake themselves free of all such associations.

Nationalist Rule.

There was, appropriately enough, a sombre and sad tone about the way our special correspondent in Canton reported to us yesterday the taking over by the Canton Government authorities of the John G. Kerr Memorial Hospital for the Insane, for it is indeed a sad story of which he told the finish. The late John G. Kerr was one of the outstanding pioneer missionaries in Canton, and after his death a special work among the poor insane was carried on to perpetuate his revered memory. It was essentially a Christian work, inspired by Christian ideals of unremunerated service and carried on by zealous and patient Christian workers. Dr. Selden has been one of the leading spirits and he has given ungrudgingly of his wealth and labour for nearly thirty years in the cause of Christian Missions in China. He and his colleagues at the John G. Kerr Hospital have been turned out of office and the institution which he has built up becomes a Government affair—to be managed and governed who knows how? The point to be remembered is that the aim and purpose of the hospital—to demonstrate practical Christianity—is being taken away without the slightest cause or reason and in defiance of even elementary ideas of justice. There is no possible justification for robbing Christian workers of their self-made place of loving labour and there is also no pardoning the confiscation of hospital buildings and other property in which that labour was performed. The so-called Nationalist Government has, as our correspondent so justly pointed out, allowed an insensate Labour Party to work its destroying will upon missionary institutions in Canton, absolutely unmindful or neglectful of the fact that by so doing it is hitting directly at the welfare of hundreds of Chinese whose care and provision has been in the hands of the missionary organisations. Hospitals have been closed and much good work brought to an unhappy end. Well might it be said that retribution will doubtless pursue the perpetrators of this injustice—men who mouth political ideals but act like ends.

Passengers due to arrive by s.s. Macedonia on Friday include Miss Burt, Mr. A. Campbell, Mr. H.W. Crabb, Miss Dryburgh, Mr. A.J.W. Dorling, Mrs. Dorling, and two infants, Pte. R.G. Hatton, Mr. F. Lopez, Mrs. Lopez, Mr. E. Lamour, Mr. J.B. Lanyon, Mrs. Lanyon, Mr. Milford, Mrs. Milford and child, Mr. W.J. McNally, R.N., Major C.B. Mullins, R.M., Mrs. North and infant, Mrs. Poland, Mrs. Phyllis Poland, Mr. C.J. Pogson, Mr. M.S. Ross, Mrs. Ross, Mr. R.L. Stewart, Mr. H. Selby, Mr. H. Sutton, Mr. O.J. Shannon, Mr. B.P. Thorpe, Mrs. Thorpe.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS A GOOD THING TO LEARN CAUTION BY THE MISFORTUNE OF OTHERS.—*Publius Syrus*.

The Empress of Canada left Vancouver on February 26th and is due here on March 18th.

The P. and O. s.s. Kashmir, from Hongkong, arrived at London on the 27th February at 2 p.m.

The B. I. steamer Takada, which left Singapore yesterday, is due here at 7 a.m. on the 6th instant.

Amongst the passengers who left by the President Jefferson were Capt. P. H. Rolfe, Dr. S. S. Strahan and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hay.

In a collision with a motorcycle on Caine Road yesterday, a ricksha had both its wheels damaged. The coolie escaped injury.

A highway robbery occurred on Sunday at Kowloon City where an unnumbered hut was entered by five men armed with daggers. Property to the value of \$150 was stolen.

A Japanese cruiser and three Japanese destroyers arrived in the Colony this morning from the North, and they are expected to remain here for about a week. Salutes were fired, and exchange calls were made.

At a meeting of St. John's Cathedral Church Council, Mr. T. W. Ainsworth was elected Hon. Secretary of the Council in place of Mr. Evan Stewart, who has filled the post most ably for the past year. Mr. A. Hopper was elected a member of the Council.

St. John's Cathedral Notes says:—We are very glad to have obtained the help of the Rev. W. R. Cannel as a temporary Assistant Chaplain. Mr. Cannel had to leave his missionary work in the diocese of Kangai, but hopes to return soon. We welcome Mr. Cannel very warmly and ask our readers prayers for him in his work amongst us.

HEALTH WEEK.

THOUSANDS VACCINATED.

In connection with the "Health Week" organised by the Chinese Medical Association and the Chinese Y.M.C.A. between the 21st and 26th inst. we learn that from 4.30 to 5.30 p.m. and from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. every day there were public lectures on health etc., given by various medical men in the Auditorium of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Ambulance Officers Chak and Szeto took the chair in turn.

On February 24th, Dr. S. P. Li, Divisional Surgeon of the Division, spoke on consumption, while Dr. C. W. Ho, Divisional Surgeon of the Division, spoke on other diseases on the 25th inst.

From 21st to 26th inst., public vaccinations were performed by the members of the Division and the total number vaccinated was 3,130 persons. Many were turned away before the closing time every afternoon owing to exhaustion of the supply of vaccine.

Physical examinations (limited to 100 persons each night) were held in the Gymnasium from 7.30 to 10.30 p.m. between the 21st and 25th inst. The members of the Y.M.C.A. Ambulance Division assisted the medical men in carrying out the examinations, the following being the various departments:—1, height; 2, weight; 3, lung capacity; 4, eye; 5, heart; 6, lung; 7, nose, throat and ear; 8, general consultation.

Owing to the large number of persons still demanding vaccination the St. John Ambulance men (Y.M.C.A.) volunteered to carry on vaccination work on the afternoons of the February 28th, March 1st and 2nd. The Kowloon Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is preparing to establish Vaccination Centres in Kowloon and expect to begin a Vaccination Campaign in a few days.

Attention was attracted by the whining of his dachshund to the body of Count Bela, aged 17, the eldest son of Count Julius Szachenyi, of Aszot, in Hungary, which was found at the bottom of the cliff under the Sonnenstein, in the Semmering Massif, near the nursing home where the Count had been recuperating after an illness.

NAVAL LIMITATION.

BRITAIN ACCEPT PRESIDENT'S INVITATION.

London, Feb. 28. Sir Auston Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, announced that Britain had accepted President Coolidge's invitation to a naval disarmament conference, but had pointed out that the relationship of such conversation with the proceedings of the Preparatory Commission at Geneva would require careful adjustment. The terms of the reply to President Coolidge had been concurred in by all the Governments of the Empire except the Irish Free State, which had so far not replied to the Government's enquiry.—*Reuter*.

Empire's Special Considerations.

The Reply to the United States, read by Sir Auston Chamberlain in the House of Commons, opens by expressing cordial sympathy with President Coolidge's invitation to participate in a conversation at Washington, and says that the views of the British Government upon the special geographical position of the British Empire, the length of inter-Imperial communications and the necessity of protection for its food-supply are well-known and, together with the special conditions and requirements of the other countries invited, must be taken into account. Nevertheless, Britain is prepared to consider to what extent the principles adopted at Washington can be carried further, either regarding the ratio of different classes of ships between the various Powers or in other important ways. Britain will do her best to secure the success of the proposed conference.—*Reuter*.

LAST DANCE DISPLAY.

PUPILS RECEIVE NUMEROUS PRESENTS.

It was extremely pleasing to see the Theatre Royal so well filled last evening, when the third and last display of dancing by the youthful pupils of Miss Violet Capell, in aid of the London Hospital, was given. At the two previous performances the audiences could have been improved upon, and yesterday there were far fewer empty seats than before. The programme of dances was again excellently performed, and the artistes were the recipients of numerous presents. Mr. G. Bond was kept busy handing up bouquets and baskets of flowers, boxes of chocolates and other articles to the dancers before each fall of the curtain, and at the conclusion of the final ensemble there seemed to be no end to such presents, a continuous stream being handed up to the stage for nearly ten minutes.

ROBBERY ON JUNK.

FOUR MEN CAUGHT.

A passenger boat was raided by robbers last night at Causeway Bay. Despite dire threats, the mistress of the junk raised the alarm by blowing a whistle, and four of the robbers were caught by the crews of launches in the vicinity as they attempted to make their escape by swimming ashore.

In the police report issued this morning, it was stated that the robbers boarded the boat by posing as police officers making a search for arms. They stole a pair of bangles from one of the boat-women and some clothing, before being compelled to leave.

"LAZYBONES."

AT STAR THEATRE.

"Lazybones," the film version of Owen Davis' play of the same title, which opens to-day at the Star Theatre, abounds in colour and real atmosphere. There was no need to "fake" any of the background required by the story since it is a tale of rural American life drawn around characters so real that the company had only to go to a tiny country town to find their proto-types in the living presence. Charles (Buck) Jones, Madge Bellamy, Zasu Pitts and Jane Novak are in the cast.

A 26lb. English dog badger was found electrocuted on the Southern Railway between Claygate and Hampton Court Junction.

The Very Idea!

A clergyman once went with a gentleman to one of the churches where the "Gregorian" chants are sung. After the service the clergyman remarked, "Well, Mr. Brown, how did you like the service? The chants are said to be sung to the tunes that were used in the time of David."

"Ah!" said Mr. Brown with a sigh of relief, "that accounts for it. I have often wondered why Saul threw his javelin at David!"

He shovelled snow the live-long day, To clean his walks, and then He found it simply didn't pay Because it snowed again.

What is a clairvoyant?—Mr. Justice McCardie. This is not the time to start new unions.—Mr. Frank Hodges. Middle age, dealing with youth is apt to be somewhat contemptuous and unsympathetic.—Canon Carnegie.

I do not use taxis more than I can help, because they are so horribly expensive.—Mr. Bingley (Marylebone Magistrate).

Scripture examinations are a fruitful source of schoolboy howlers. Here are a few examples:—

Asked why Jerusalem was surrounded by walls, a schoolboy replied, "To keep in the milk and honey."

Another boy was asked where Cain went after he had killed Abel, and he replied, "To bed." The teacher asked how he knew that, and the boy answered, "It says in the Bible, sir, that Cain after he had killed Abel, went to the land of Nod."

In an essay a young hopeful wrote:—"We know that St. Peter was crucified with his head downwards, because he mentions it in several of his epistles."

Solicitor, to a lodger, at Bow County Court: It is your son who kicks up all the row in the house; why do you not keep him quiet? Lodger (5ft. 2ins. in height): He stands over six feet in his socks.

Bow man to a solicitor: You are telling me to order my wife about. I wonder whether you would dare to do it to yours.

London has two 'Charlestons' now, the "kicking" and the "flat." Many dancing teachers hold that the "kicking" version is vulgar and have fostered a type which they deem more graceful and fitting for a ballroom.

The annual chorus of "Auld Lang Syne" has had no effect on the fabric of St. Paul's, but a very nervous person might easily work up a scare on the subject. Mathematicians tell us that a man can fiddle down a bridge if he hits on the right vibrations; and so I suppose a sufficiently well-trained chorus could sing down any masonry, as the trumpet overthrew the wall of Jericho. Happily, the St. Paul's Churchyard crowd is not so well-trained that the Dean need look upon the undevotional throng with the disapproval of apprehension as well as of distaste.

Her husband being slightly indisposed, a young and inexperienced wife attempted to take his temperature. She was alarmed at the result, and in a state of great excitement scribbled a note to the doctor:—"Dear Doctor,—Please come at once. My husband's temperature is 136."

The doctor's reply was:—"Dear Madam.—The case is beyond my skill. Send for the fire-engine."

The boat was sinking. The Captain rushed up to the crowd of scared passengers. "Who among you can pray?" "I can," answered the minister. "Then pray," ordered the skipper. "The rest of you put on life preservers; we are one short."

Belfast.—A recent decision of the War Office to abolish Carrickfergus Castle as a military station makes very uncertain the future of one of the most historic spots in the British Isles. The castle is situated on the shore of Belfast Lough and was founded in 1128 by Sir John de Courcy, one of the Norman invaders, and was for centuries the scene of much strife between Ireland and England. King William the Third landed there in 1690 on his way to the Boyne and some years later the French privateer Thurot was captured there.

SILVER OUTLOOK.

OMENS CONSIDERED POOR.

SITUATION ANALYSED.

The omens are not propitious for the future of silver, state Messrs. Samuel Montagu and Co., in their annual bullion letter. Apart from China, it has ceased to be the basis of any important currency. Even as a material for subsidiary coins, its use has become very restricted. The proportion of alloy in silver that is being minted has been increased by several European states, including Great Britain, and elsewhere small notes or coins of base metal are often employed in lieu of silver pieces. During the year under review the Royal Commission upon Indian Currency has proposed changes which it is expected will hinder the fresh mintage of silver, a severe blow, even if redundant silver rupees at some future date be not demonetized.

Future Prices.

As silver has lost more than a quarter of its value during the year, the question naturally arises whether the factors in view suggest recovery or whether they indicate that the price of the metal has not even yet fallen to its economic level.

The possibility of material reduction in output is doubtful, and a general return to a policy of coining silver can hardly be expected when details of expense are so crucial to the crippled world. A good demand may be expected from the Indian Bazaars, despite Indian Government dissipation of hoarding, but any chance of an improvement depends upon falling prices. In present circumstances, China is fully, if not over supplied, and at the time of writing the outcome of Chinese politics is still enigmatic.

Manufacturing use of silver throughout the world may be expected to expand with improving trade conditions and to be assisted by a lower level of silver quotations, but the process will be slow, though progressive; in the meantime the mines of the world will continue to produce plentifully and to place their output in the world markets for sale.

In these circumstances, the outlook can hardly be regarded with confidence, and producers will be fortunate to obtain prices as good as those which obtained at the conclusion of the year under review. Indeed, pressure of adverse factors might conceivably depress prices so as to rival previous records, and meanwhile the sale of demonetized rupees will probably remain in suspense over the market, like the Sword of Damocles.

Lost Buoyancy.

Elsewhere in their report, Messrs. Montagu state that the tendency of the silver market in 1926 was unmistakably downward. The helpful factors that made for steadiness began to weaken and even to disappear, so that it became apparent, almost before half the year had run its course, that silver was distinctly losing the buoyancy shown in the last few years. The reason was not far to seek. China and India, the great silver absorbing countries, had now to bear almost the whole weight of supplies, to which, in recent years, production alone has contributed some two hundred and forty million ounces. During part of the preceding decade the two countries had difficulty in supplying their demands, so that when supplies were more plentiful they absorbed with such freedom that their markets became satiated, and, as a consequence, prices failed to possess resilience.

Falling prices further augmented visible supplies in China—the only important country where silver forms the basis of currency—so much so, that a consignment of about 6,000,000 ounces in bars was sent to this market for disposal in July. It is many years since Shanghai shipped silver to London—on the last occasion it was in the form of sycee—though frequently silver has been transferred from China to India where the latter market was the more favourable.

This unusual movement was a danger signal too plain for any plain for to disregard. Bears commenced active operations, often closed but again reopened, with the result that each month recorded a lower average price. Some sales of French demonetized coin, in October and November, coincided with the decline, and the

DUTCH SUBMARINE'S ESCAPE.

DISASTER AVERTED DURING TESTS.

CREW'S FINE BEHAVIOUR.

Submarine K 13 had a narrow escape from disaster in the course of tests which were being carried out off Christmas Island, says a Batavia message of the 18th inst. The submarine was at a depth of 45 metres, but owing to the heavy swell it was found necessary to go deeper. This caused the vessel to lose balance, and it dived slantingly, bow downward, gradually arriving at a depth of 85 metres.

The opening of one of the water tanks did not relieve the heavy pressure which threatened to wreck the submarine, and the big tank forward was opened. This resulted in a recovery of balance, and the vessel pursued her course at a depth of 85 metres.

The recovery was due to the coolness and prompt action of the commander, assisted by the splendid behaviour of the crew. The occurrence proved that the K 13 is capable of withstanding the most severe tests.

lowest quotations of the year were reached in the former month.

Chinese Situation.

The internal affairs of China—a great silver using country—continue in a state of apparently hopeless entanglement. Military leaders have come into prominence and retired into obscurity. Chinese campaigns have been lost and won, being often decided by subtlety, not force. Despite the use of modern weapons—planes and suchlike—a strange air of unreality pervades military operations in China. A cablegram was published in the Times of August 28th that "Kiangnan arsenal here is working overtime producing ammunition and considerable quantities of straw sandals and umbrellas for the troops."

The disturbances caused by contending war lords, however, are mainly local, and the great life of China pursues the even tenor of its way. Trade is sometimes hindered for a while, as during the Cantonese boycott, but trade returns, as a whole, are little affected by the internecine strife. Indeed, the tendency is toward higher figures than ever, so materially prosperous are the masses of the people. Unrest in the neighbourhood of the disturbances is still preventing the free flow out-country of specie, which is retained at the treaty ports for safe custody in increasing quantities.

Chinese military operations are financed on lines not dissimilar from those practised in the West during the great War, though more drastic. For instance, the paper currency or "fengpiao," forced into circulation around Mukden, gradually fell to a heavy discount against silver. When it touched 5.80 to the Mexican dollar in July last, Marshal Chang Tso-lin took the matter in hand and gave orders that his dollar must improve 50 points a week. The exchange market not responding as quickly as he wished, the Marshal is reported to have arrested several exchange brokers and merchants, who after arraignment before the Marshal himself, were condemned to death, and shot or strangled offhand. The methods of the Marshal met with such speedy success as must rouse the envy of some finance ministers in Europe, for his dollar promptly doubled in value.

Chinese Silver Imports.

Net imports into China during 1925 were estimated at 68,000,000 standard ounces, as compared with 28,500,000 in 1924. In 1926 the amount will probably be found to be also substantial. It is possible that the capacity of China to import may increase as its gold value depreciates, but actual absorption will possibly be a slow process.

The ability of India to absorb during coming years an increased proportion of the world's silver output for industry depends upon a continuance of her present favourable conditions. The fact that the rainfall of 1926 may be regarded as a 16-anna moonsoon is an encouraging feature. The willingness of India to do so, however, is another question. Details from the latest official returns, namely, those of 1924/25, show the remarkable wave of prosperity upon which Indian fortunes are now being borne.

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SHUTTERS UP AT CHINESE LEGATION.

"DR. CHEN OF LONDON."

Sadness broods over the big house of the Chinese Legation in Portland-place, W., which since the spring of 1922 has been without a Minister, says the Daily Mail.

With most of the windows shuttered, the small legation staff, with an equally small staff of servants, move about the richly furnished rooms like ghosts of the past.

It is Dr. Wei-Cheng Chen, Charge d'Affaires, who welcomes visitors, and though he, too, appears sad, he has on occasion a most charming smile.

"I am an optimist about China," he said recently. "So long as there are signs of willingness to negotiate shown by both sides there will not be trouble. I do not think that the situation is as serious as many people in England are led to believe."

It was in the Legation that Sun Yat-sen, one-time president of South China (he died in 1925), was held prisoner in 1896 by the representatives of the Chinese Imperial Government. He smuggled out a message in a coal scuttle and was released by British diplomatic intervention.

For nearly five years Dr. Chen, who disclaims relationship with Mr. Eugene Chen, the Cantonese Foreign Minister, has represented the Peking Government. A Minister—Dr. W. Yen—was appointed many months ago, but he has not yet arrived.

So "Dr. Chen of London," as he is sometimes called in diplomatic circles, reigns in diminished state—a Charge d'Affaires who has to go out for meals because the big kitchens for cooking Chinese food are not opened.

VOTES FOR FILIPINO WOMEN.

BIG MOVEMENT STARTED IN U.S.A.

CHAPTER FOR MANILA.

Washington, Feb. 21.—A concerted movement has been launched by American women to obtain suffrage privileges for their sex in the Philippines. This movement was revealed by the National Women's party which has adopted a resolution for the establishment of a chapter of their organization in Manila.

The resolution was inspired at a party gathering here at which Pedro Guevara, resident commissioner, declared himself as unconditionally in favour of enfranchising Philippine women. The commissioner said he believed voting by the women of the Philippines is necessary to progress and to full development of Philippines Government. The commissioner added, however, that as was the case in so many other questions affecting Philippines legislation, the American government had been "rubbing the cat the wrong way."

Mr. Guevara charged that under the Underhill Bill, by which Philippine women would be granted the franchise, Congress was usurping a right which the Philippines Government regarded as strictly within its province. The commissioner brought out that the Philippines senate already has adopted a measure granting equal suffrage, a measure which he thinks will become law as there is little evidence of opposition.

A delegation from the National Women's party recently obtained a hearing with President Coolidge in which they asked that suffrage bills be given consideration and that he inject the suffrage issue into his message to the seventieth Congress.

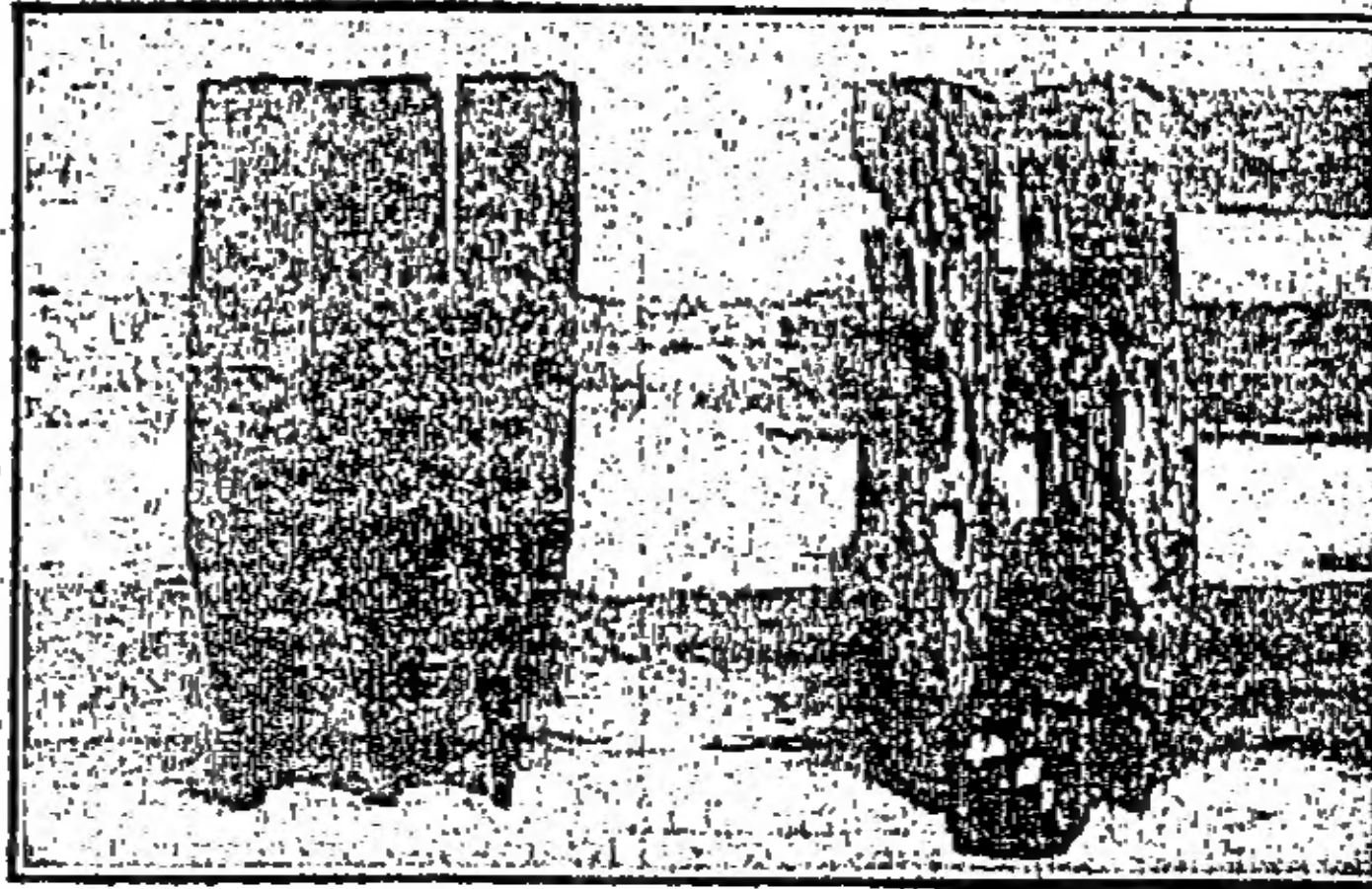
FRENCH-U. S. DEBT.

TEN MILLION DOLLAR OFFER.

Washington, Feb. 28. The Treasury has notified that the official offer of the French Government to pay the United States ten million dollars on account of the outstanding French War Debt by June 15th is en route from Paris.—Reuter's American Service.

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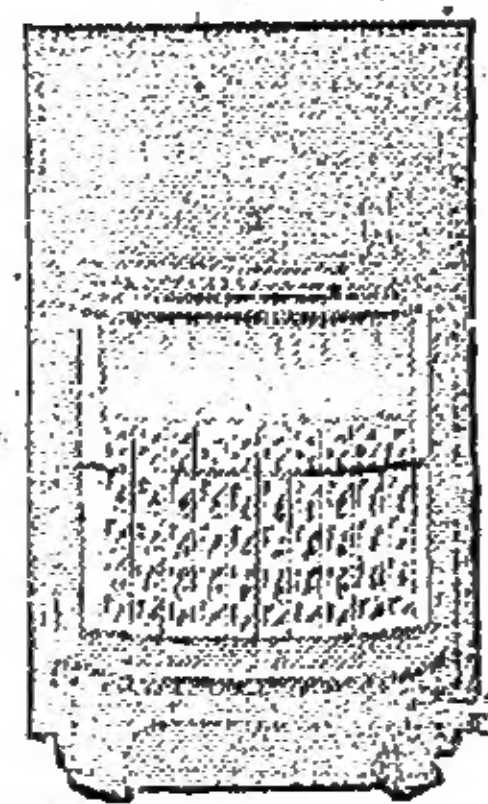
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Hastings Town Council, by a majority, has decided to instruct the Town Clerk to apply for a drink licence for the new Music Pavilion so that drinks may be sold to members of the audience at performances.

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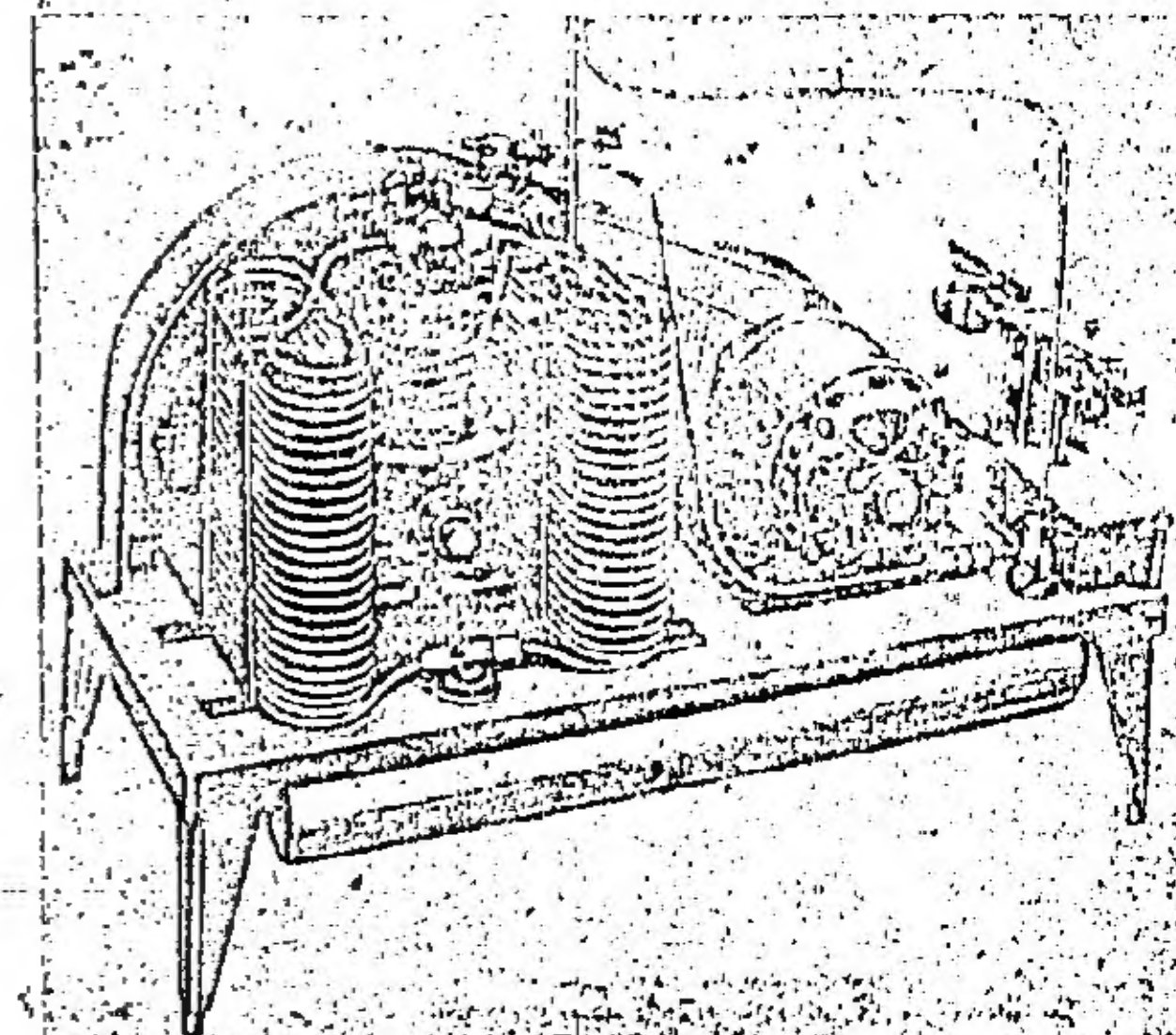
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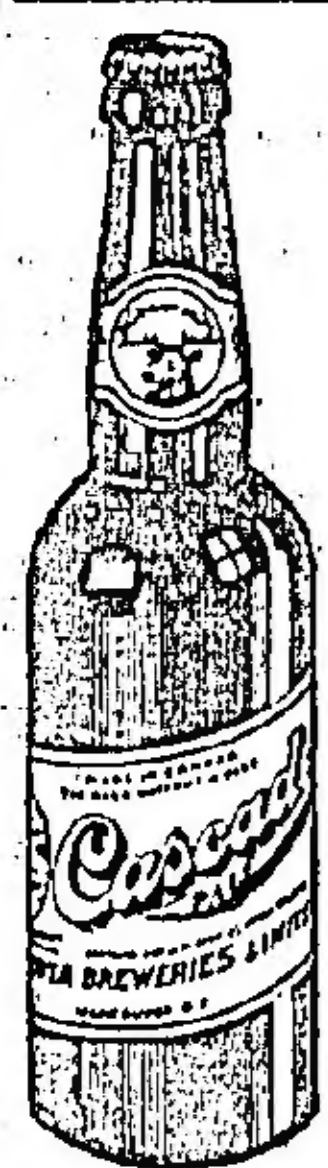
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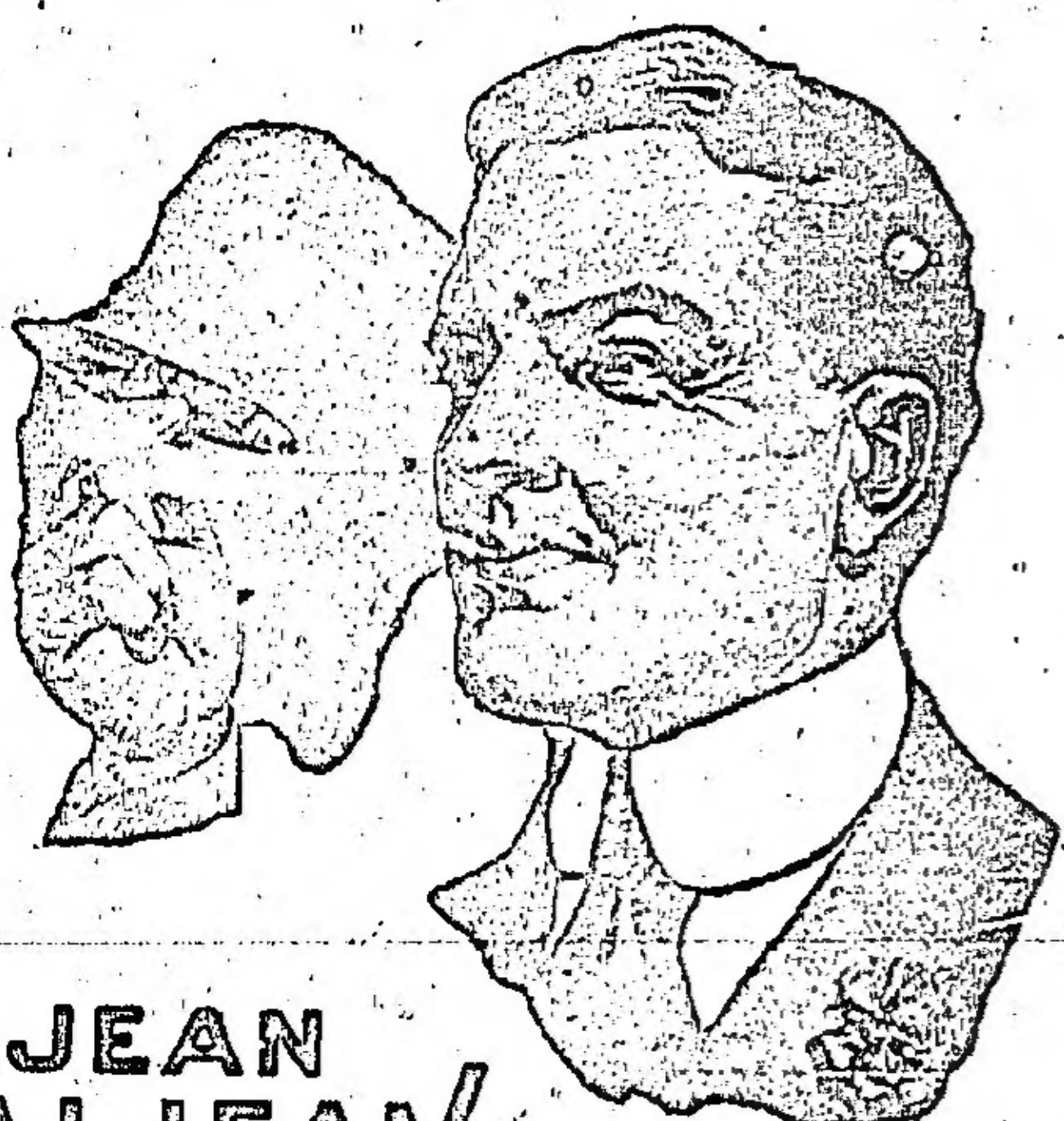
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On a recent Saturday Glasgow was held up to ransom by the University students, who were rounding off a memorable week on behalf of local charities with a street carnival and collection. Nearly 4,000 undergraduates, including hundreds of girls dressed in motley, assembled at the University, and proceeded through the streets to the City Chambers, where they were greeted by the Lord Provost.

The carnival was perhaps the most original ever witnessed in Scotland, and included numerous comical tableaux as well as a superabundance of more or less musical accompaniment. One giant steam lorry had no fewer than eighteen barrel organs on board, each churning out its own particular melody.

After procession, the students divided into groups and combed out the entire city. A sum of £3,000 was collected quite early, chiefly by means of immunity badges, which, sold at £1 each, relieved the holder from the attentions of the collectors.

The only jarring note was the threatened boycott of the Charities Day by Glasgow Trades and Labour Council as a reprisal against a few student volunteer workers during the general strike. This was countered by Socialist students, who having protested against the action of the Trades Council made themselves responsible for the collections in the artisan areas of the city. Last year fully £10,000 were raised by the students, and this record was expected to be exceeded.

Some of the students raided the Sheriff's Court. Rushing up to the bench with their pointed collecting boxes, they were disappointed to find Sheriff Blair wearing an immunity badge.

The Sheriff ordered the students to be detained for contempt of court, and each raider was fined half-a-crown, but the Sheriff paid the fines himself, stipulating that the money should go into the collecting boxes.

EXCAVATION DISCOVERIES.

CAVE OF THE SEVEN SLEEPERS.

Vienna.—Before the war the Austrian Institute of Archaeology carried on excavations for fifteen years at Ephesus, in Asia Minor. The ruins of the famous temple of Artemis were unearthed, and the town was freed from the sand in which it had been buried since the River Caystros filled up its harbour. Only last summer were these excavations resumed by an expedition under Professor Josef Keil, which has had unexpected success.

The geometrical ornaments of the pieces of broken pots unearthed are supposed to date from the tenth century B.C.

There has also been discovered on the Panjir-Dagh a great sanctuary of Cybele, the old mother of the gods of Asia Minor. The hill is covered with hallowed niches in honour of the goddess. The fact suggests that the old popular cult went on despite the official cult of the Greek Artemis.

Some of the most interesting of the discoveries are in the so-called "Grotto of the Seven Sleepers." According to legend, seven Christians, persecuted because of their faith, took refuge in the cave. They fell into slumber, from which they were to awaken after a hundred years in order to witness the victory of Christianity. Later on many Christians had themselves buried close to the grotto, because they hoped to share in the resurrection of the Seven Sleepers.

These tombs have now been discovered in a long subterranean hall and in chapels where the graves are piled one upon the other to a considerable height. A subterranean passage was also found under the hall, leading to the Catacombs. All these had been plundered by robbers at some unknown time.

Amongst many other interesting things, numerous lamps of clay were found, covered with figures of Adam, Eve, and the Serpent, the Sacrifice of Isaac, etc.

The excavations will be continued next year by the Austrian Institute of Archaeology.

BEGGAR'S UNIVERSITY.

PRIVILEGES OF THE LEGLESS.

Paris.—Begging was organised professionally long before Trades Unions were heard of, says an *Observer* correspondent and its course of study and its diplomas are at least as old as Fagin. It is therefore perhaps not surprising to hear that the other day in Paris the beggars held a meeting at the Bourse de Travail and decided to insist upon a higher tariff. In future they will accept nothing less than 25 centimes.

They will get it too. There is a well-known legless beggar called Lopez, who makes his hundred francs a day regularly by trundling himself on his little trolley along the Boulevard de Sebastopol, and is an owner of house property. Among what may be called accretary beggars his prosperity is perhaps exceptional; but the religious kind, who are a very close corporation, with each his or her recognised pitch at a church door, make a very regular living, ending with quite a nice little lump sum when any one of them decides to sell the goodwill of the business.

As for the educational side, it is said that you must go east of Suez—where the whole curriculum is different—to find a school so good as that of Paris. Its headquarters are, as one might have expected, in the neighbourhood of the Sorbonne, and are to be found at that Place Maubert whose rag market makes it one of the surviving picturesque corners of Paris. Here the school is not only supplied with able professors—you will find them if you look in the right cafes—but very well equipped. For you can hire, by the day, crutches, false legs, authentic *livres militaires*, which will show when you were wounded and will mention the decorations, let out at the same time, and spectacles for those who are not sufficiently experts to be blind without winking.

The course of instruction is partly theoretical. This is given in the cafe itself, and includes the humanities—that is, the moral art of being able to inspire pity—as well as science. Among the latter will be the prescriptions for obtaining, without risk to health, a feverish eye, a yellow and starving complexion, or even a film over the sight. The manner of obtaining epilepsy by soap in the mouth, although a little discredited by having been adopted by spiritualists, will also be communicated if desired. The legal section will instruct you how to avoid coming under the notice of the police for anything more serious than vagabondage, will point out that trailing a small child with you is now a punishable offence as well as an absurdly old-fashioned device, and will remind you of your duty in not encroaching upon the rights and preserves of other members of the profession. A legless man, for example, is entitled to be free from competition in a certain area, as well as to his particular pitch.

There is also a practical side to the instruction. The professor will take you into the street and show you how it is done. This is how a well-known member of the faculty, whose name is Lhuillier, has just brought himself into notice. For the police, if they will tolerate begging in certain places and within certain limits, are not sympathetic to public demonstrations in such places as the Boulevard St. Michel. So they arrested both master and pupil.

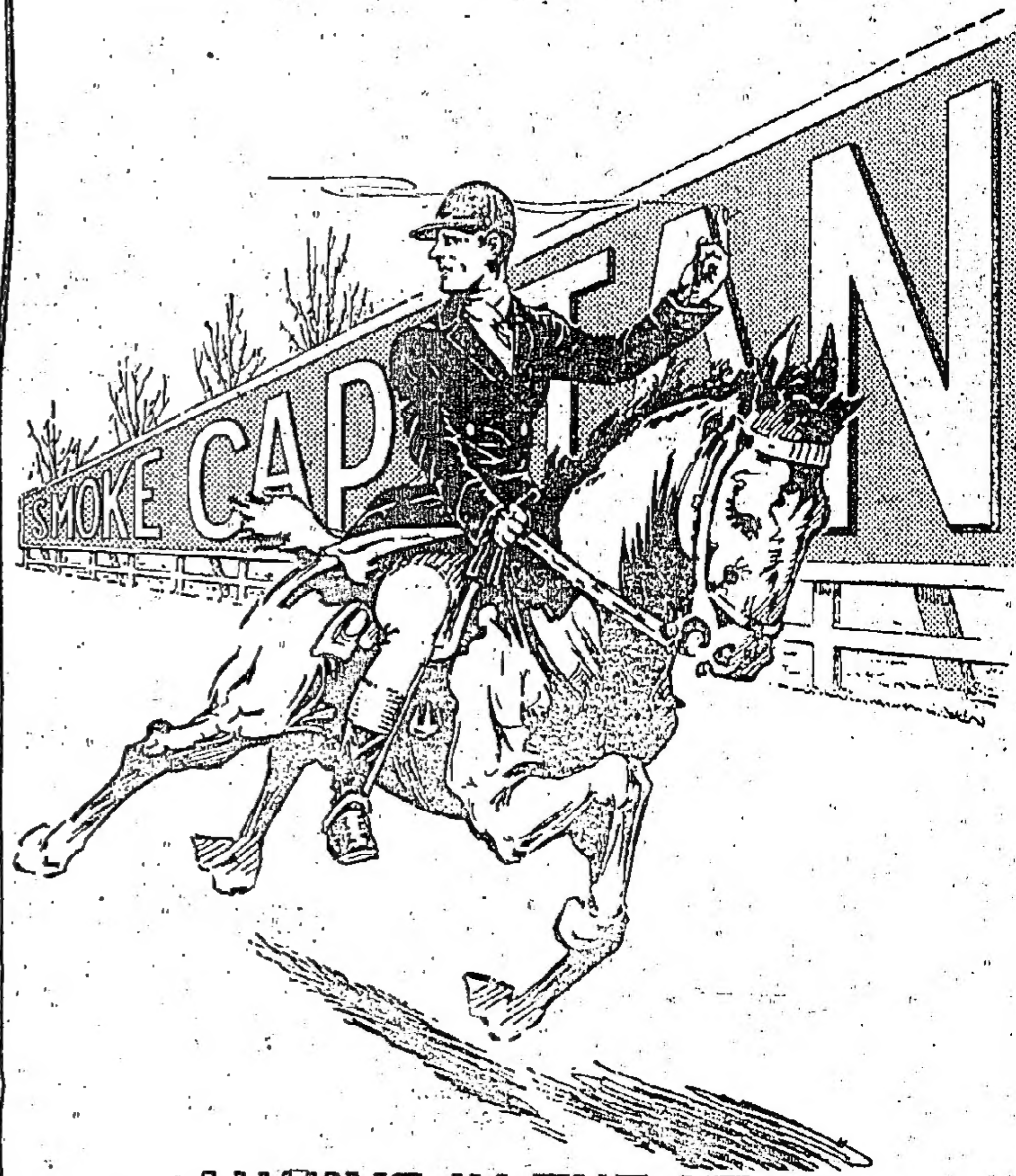
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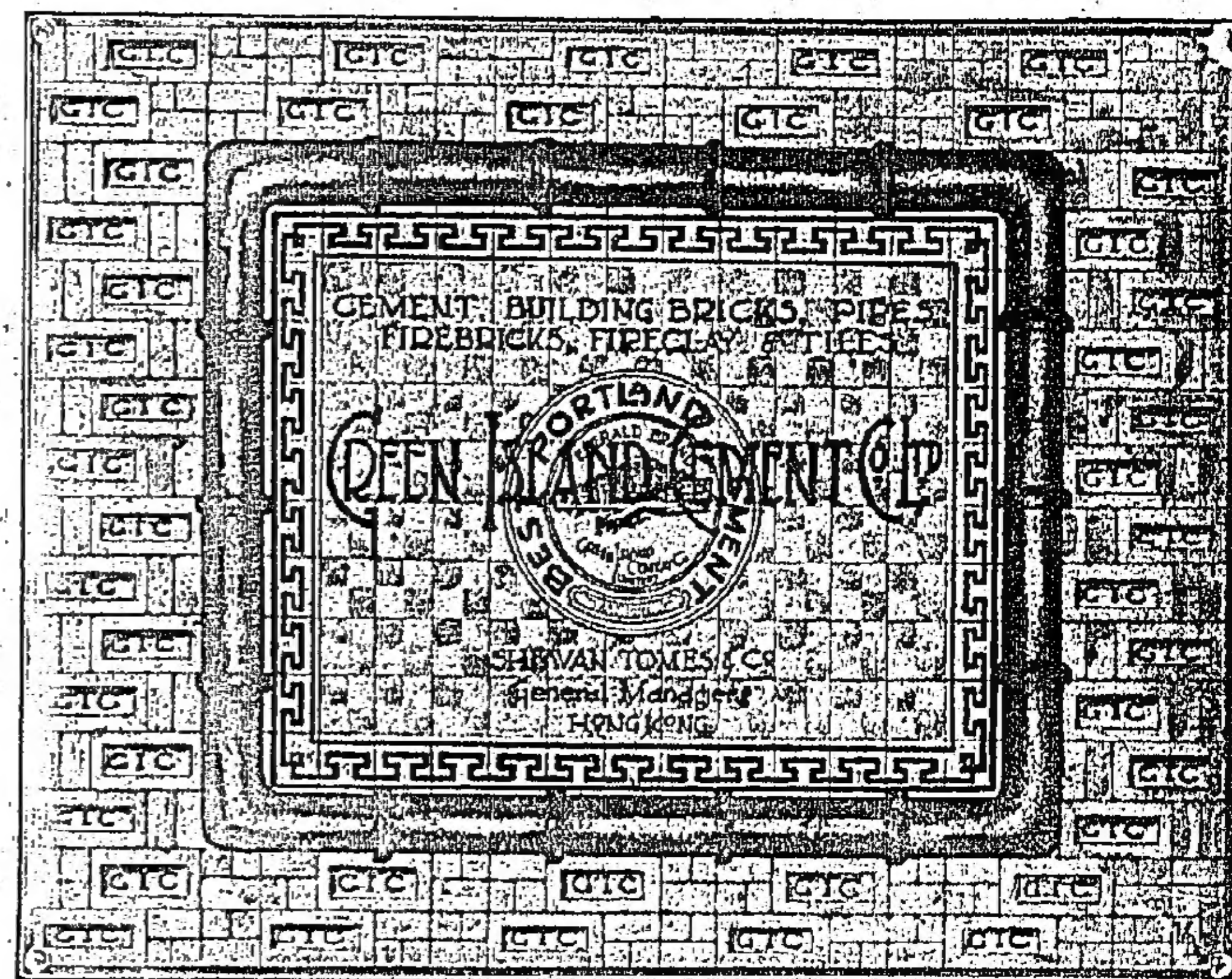
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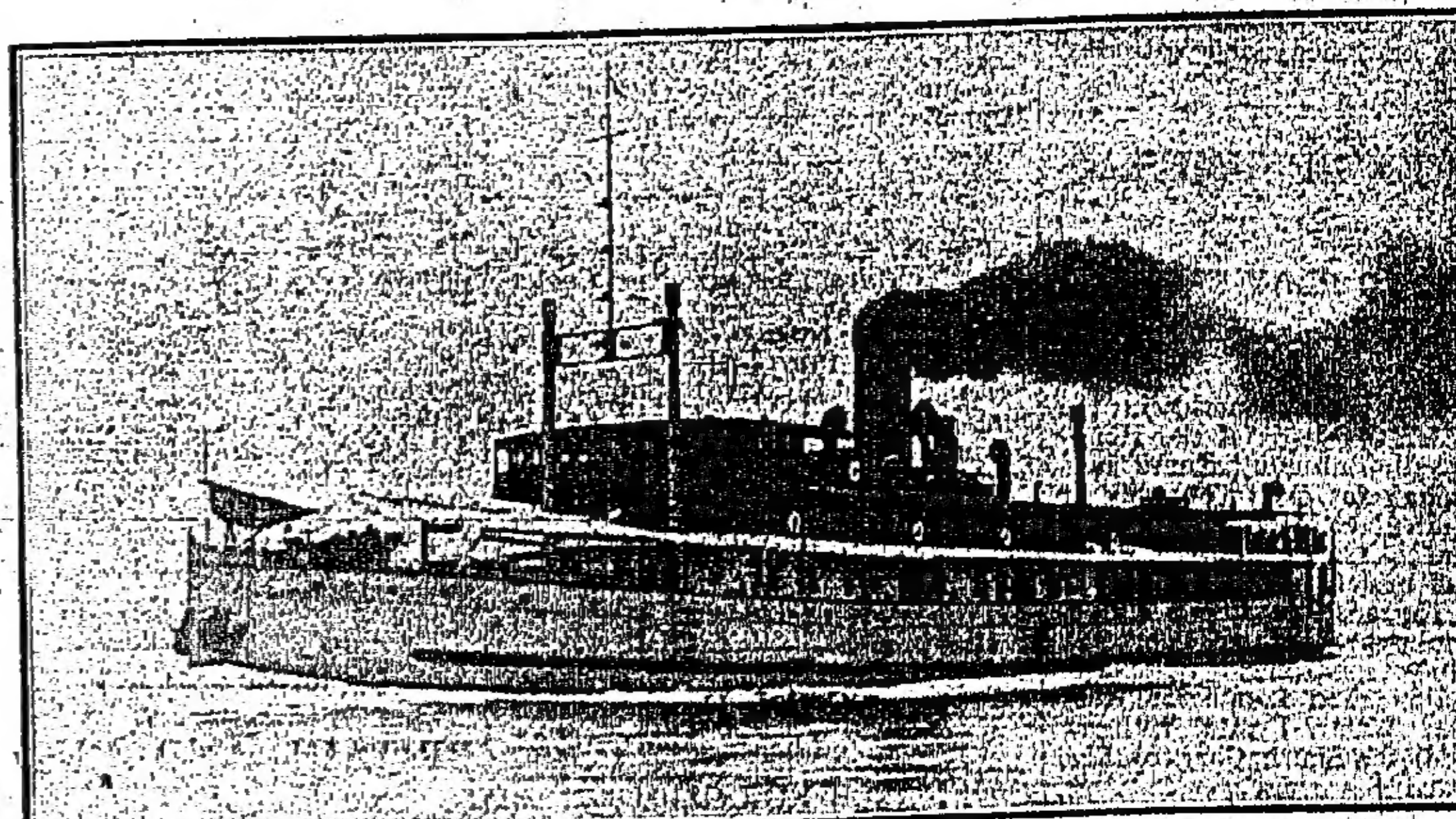
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Tijkembang	Batavia	13th Mar.	15th Mar.	Shanghai
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Hongkong, February 26, 1927.

RUSSIA'S REPLY.**HOME PRESS COMMENT.**

London, Feb. 27.

The morning papers generally receive the Russian Note very coldly and signalise it as vague, insolent and evasive.

The Times declares the Government would do well to ignore it altogether. It is a mixture of misstatements, false charges and vague professions of pacific intentions, the answer to which has already been given in Sir Austen Chamberlain's Note. The matter should for the moment be allowed to rest there, since a protracted controversy will merely complicate the foreign situation in China, which is far from being unconnected with Soviet intrigue, but is better handled by itself.

The Morning Post says that despite its hypocritical professions the reply breathes a defiant refusal to desist from the course which provoked Sir Austen Chamberlain's Note.

The Daily Telegraph says the reply is a voluminous outpouring of evasive verbiage and recrimination. It is quite worthless for the purpose for which it is nominally intended. It is not for our Government to accept a challenge to enter a dispute on a matter which is incontrovertible, and whereupon its own attitude has been stated in sufficiently plain terms.

Blackguards.

The Daily Mail says the note is insolent, mendacious and diffuse. "In authorising Sir Austen Chamberlain to despatch his protest the Government exposed itself to the almost proverbial consequences, that he who bandies words with blackguards must expect to be insulted. This expectation Moscow has promptly and characteristically fulfilled."

The Daily Chronicle says the Note is an elaborate piece of special pleading, does not give a specific answer, and holds out no hope save in very general terms. However, any move away from hostility on the part of the Soviet would be greatly welcomed and reciprocated here, but in view of Moscow's past record the British public want to see its good intentions established by performance.

The Daily News says the manner of the reply is that of an urbane headmaster rebuking, more in sorrow than in anger, the foolish escapade of a rebellious schoolboy.—*Reuter.*

Bolshevik Responsibility.

Paris, Feb. 28.

Commenting on the Russian reply to Britain the *Ere Nouvelle* says that with all their cunning one certain thing is that Bolshevism will not succeed in convincing the gallery that they did not prepare and foment civil war in China.—*Reuter.*

CONTINENTAL RAILS.**CONDEMNED BY EXPERTS AS USELESS.**

Cape Town, Feb. 28.
South African Railways' experts have condemned as useless £200,000 of steel rails imported from Continental firms.—*Reuter.*

AIR FATALITY.**THE COLLISION VICTIMS.**

Buenos Aires, Feb. 28.
The American aviators killed in the air collision were Captain Woolsey and Lieutenant Benton.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Rome, Feb. 28.

The Marquis De Pinedo has arrived in Rio De Janeiro.—*Reuter.*

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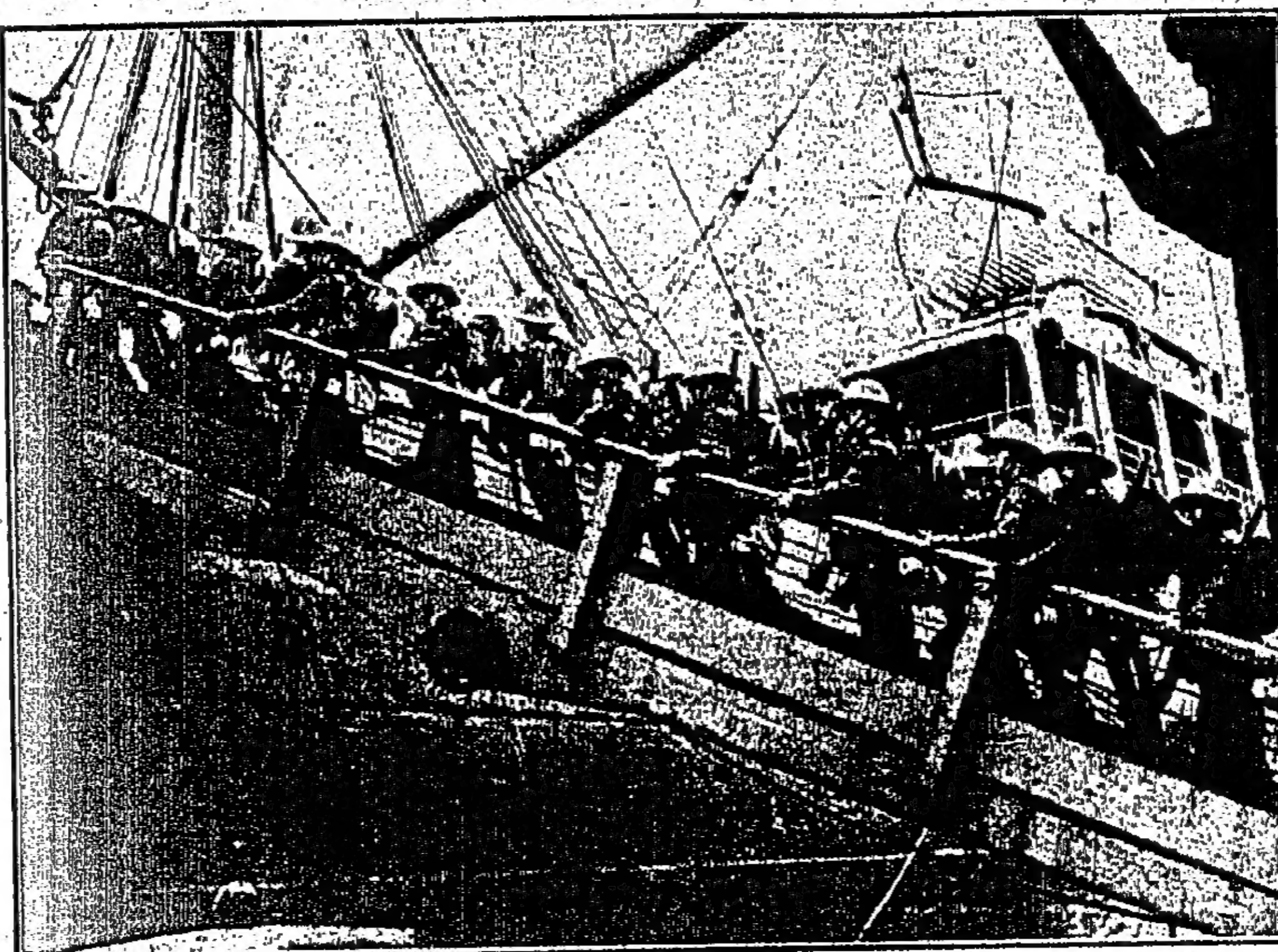
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MORE CHINA QUESTIONS.

(Continued from page 1.)

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied in the affirmative and stated that the discussions at Peking had not yet advanced beyond the question of general principles.—*Reuter.*

A DESERVED SNUB.

Sir Austen Chamberlain Scores.

London, Feb. 28.

Loud Ministerial cheers rewarded the prompt riposte by Sir Austen Chamberlain, replying to a supplementary question arising from an answer to a question in the House of Commons regarding the trial of strikers arrested in the Shanghai International Settlement.

Com. Kenworthy asked if instructions would be sent to the G.O.C. and Senior Naval Officer to prevent Chinese who were arrested in the territory of our Concession being handed over for summary execution. Sir Austen Chamberlain pointed out that this was an International Concession against the presence in which of British troops Com. Kenworthy and his party consistently protested.

Com. Kenworthy asked whether the G.O.C. had been instructed to carry out the traditions of the British Army and Sir Austen Chamberlain retorted: "No! It is not necessary to instruct a British officer to carry out British traditions."—*Reuter.*

"VACILLATING" LABOUR.

"Riding The Tiger."

London, Feb. 28.

Referring to the "vacillating and irresponsible course of the Labour Party in the present grave and difficult Chinese situation," Sir Herbert Samuel, the new Chairman of the Organisation Committee of the Liberal Party in a speech at the Eighty Club, London, said, "we watch an uncomfortable leader being quietly taken where he does not want to go, for he realises the force of the Chinese proverb: 'he who rides a tiger can never dismount.'"—*Reuter.*

LABOUR M. P. SECEDES.

Disagrees with Party's Policy.

London, Feb. 28.

Mr. Haden Guest, M. P., has resigned from the Labour Party owing to his disagreement with the Party's attitude on the question of China.—*Reuter.*

[Dr. Leslie Haden Guest has been one of the most prominent members of the Labour Party for many years. He practised as a Doctor in London and Manchester, and went out to the South African War as a Civil Surgeon. He served throughout the European War, seeing service as a Major in the R.A.M.C. in France, Egypt and Palestine. He earned the M. C. decoration. Later he did much to organise the St. George's Dispensary and School Clinic, and also organised hospitals under the Red Cross in Paris and elsewhere. He contested Central Southwark, London, in 1918, and North Southwark in 1922 as Labour Candidate, but was not successful until the election of 1923 since when he has sat for North Southwark. He was Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health in 1924 and was Secretary to the Labour Delegation to Soviet Russia in 1920. He has held many posts in the Labour Party and has

GAOL SENSATION.

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out. He then approached Warder Speed, who was sitting at a desk not far from the cell, and, coming up from behind, he stabbed Mr. Speed thirteen times, killing him on the spot. The prisoner then took away the deceased man's revolver and bunch of keys, with the latter of which he opened the cells of three other prisoners. In the meantime, two Indian warders came along and tackled the first prisoner, but both of these were seriously injured and unable to render any further aid. With the three warders disposed of, the four prisoners effected their escape over the Gaol wall by means of a rope.

been the author of numerous contributions to journals and magazines.]

AN EXPENSIVE CONSULATE.

Severe Home Criticism.

London, Feb. 28.

The report of the Comptroller Auditor on the Civil Services Appropriation Accounts, mentions the erection of the Consulate at Tengyueh, in Yunnan, which was originally estimated to cost £3,950, but which had involved up till March 31st, 1926, an expenditure of £12,000.

The Lords of the Treasury expressed "great regret that owing to the situation and partly also to the inability of officers in charge of the work to cope effectively with the situation, and to a lesser degree to the failure of department officers in Shanghai to

COLOMBO STRIKE.

Full Resumption To-day.

Colombo, Feb. 28.

The strikers are to resume to-morrow.

All parties have agreed to a Government suggestion for unconditional arbitration.—*Reuter.*

exercise effective control, a very serious excess on the original estimate must be incurred before building could be completed.

The work since has proceeded most slowly, owing to local opposition, acute labour troubles and delay in the delivery of materials. Moreover, the district is subject to sporadic raids by bandits. The latest report to the Treasury, dated October, 1926, forecasts the total expenditure at about £16,500.—*Reuter.*

[Tengyueh is in the south-west corner of Yunnan, almost on the border of the Northern Shan States.]

In the Supreme Court this morning, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., applied to Mr. J. R. Wood, acting Chief Justice, on behalf of Der A Wing Company, Limited, 60, Des Voeux Central, for confirmation of a special resolution, passed at an extraordinary general meeting, for their capital to be reduced from \$500,000 to \$460,000. The Company requested that this should be effected by cancelling 4,000 shares of \$10 each belonging to Mr. B. W. Bradbury, merchant, and Chan Tong, comprador, both of Hongkong, in pursuance of an agreement.

His Lordship after noting that no-one appeared to oppose, granted the application.

CANTON UNREST.

POLICE STATION SURROUNDED.

Yesterday morning a battle took place in a fruit market at Canton between two rival parties of fruit store workers. The fight continued for an hour and several were severely injured. A large force of armed police appeared on the scene later and stopped the fight.

The No. 5 Police Station in Sai Wang Street, Canton, was blockaded by labour pickets on Sunday. The origin of the trouble was that the wine store workers recently declared a strike against their employers. The stores on the Sai Wang Street refused to accept the terms and continued doing business with loyal employees. The police tried to stop the disturbance and had both parties brought back to the No. 5 Police Station. The labour Union then sent a large force of pickets to the police station, demanding the release of the pickets and the punishment of the merchants.

ST. DAVID'S DAY.

WREATH ON CENOTAPH.

To-day being St. David's Day, members of the local branch of St. David's Society assembled at the Cenotaph at eleven o'clock this morning, when Mr. D. J. Lewis, the President, placed a wreath on the war memorial. Others present were Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. L. E. Hopkins, Commander Williams, R.N.A., Mr. David Davies, Mr. H. Owen Hughes, Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones, Mr. J. S. Thomas, and Mr. E. Wynne Jones.

The Society is holding a dinner to-night at the Hotel Savoy.

U. S. OIL SCANDAL.

"FRAUD AND CORRUPTION."

Washington, Feb. 28.

The Supreme Court has issued a judgment declaring that the lease whereby Mr. H. L. Doheny's interests were to develop the Elk Hills naval oil reserves and contracts whereby they were to build storage facilities at Pearl Harbour were "tainted by fraud and corruption."

The Court cancelled the lease and contracts; consequently, Mr. Doheny cannot recover the money in carrying out the agreements.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMERICAN MARINES.

Gen. Butler in Command.

Washington, Feb. 28.

Brigadier General Smedley Butler has been ordered to China in command of the Marines.

General Butler is known as the strictest disciplinarian, and was lent by the Navy Department three years ago to re-organise the easy-going police of Philadelphia. He became the terror of "bootleggers."—*Reuter's American Service.*

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Vienna.—Any Austrian who favours an increase in the postage of a post-card works against the best interests of his country. Such in substance is the opinion recently voiced by the Austrian post-card society, this view being broadcasted through the newspapers by the executive committee of the society. These post-card fans base their verdict on the fact that the inventor of post-cards was an Austrian. Every increase in postage necessary to send a post-card through the mail is therefore according to their conviction, blow to Austrian fame because it will decrease the number of post-cards which are used.

Joe Daniels, known to many generations of Rugby fans as the "Midnight Milkman," as he supplied milk to the school for many years, has died at Rugby, aged 81.

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